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HALIFAXLondon, To-day.
The German Ambassador, Dr. von Dirksen, had a lengthy interview with the British Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, yesterday afternoon.

Well-informed circles declare that Czechoslovakia was the main subject discussed, but that the conversation was only of an informative character and was extremely conciliatory. — Trans-Ocean.

SUDETEN
DEMANDS TO BE
PUT INTO
WRITING

Prague, To-day.

It is stated here that in the projected discussions between the Czecho-Slovakian Government and the Sudeten German Party, the Sudeten German position and demands will be put into writing. When this will be done, however, has not yet been decided.

In Sudeten German quarters, importance is attached to the declaration that, contrary to reports, the Sudeten German Party up to Tuesday night had not been made acquainted with the Nationalities' Statute drawn up by the Czechian Government and that in consequence the Party is dependent on unconfirmable communications in the home and foreign press.

Consequently the Sudeten German quarters still decline to take up any attitude towards what has hitherto been published about the Statute.

TALKS SUSPENDED

Since Konrad Henlein returned to Asch yesterday and all other leaders will to-day attend the funeral of the two Sudeten Germans shot at Eger at the end of the last week, the political issues are in a state of suspension.

However, it is felt of decisive importance that the Czechian Government, in the interests of in-

Anticipating Or
Prelude To
Invasion?

Canton, To-day.

The Chinese military positions on the mainland, opposite Amoy Island, are being severely attacked from air, land and sea by the Japanese, according to reports received from Foochow this morning.

Japanese aircraft have staged numerous raids on the Chinese trenches and batteries, raining hundreds of bombs on the troops, while Japanese artillery batteries on Amoy Island have combined with Japanese warships and shelled the Chinese defenders incessantly.

It is stated that the Japanese acted to forestall an expected attempt by the Chinese to launch a counter-attack with a view to the re-capture of Amoy Island.—Our Own Correspondent.

HAITAN TO CALL AT
CHUANCHOW

The petition that foreign vessels transporting rice be permitted to call at Chuanchow, on the Fukien coast northeast of Amoy, recently sent to Dr. H. H. Kung, President of the Executive Yuan, by Fukien residents in Hong Kong, has been approved by the Chinese Government.

The s.s. Haitan, Douglas Co. vessel, will leave for Chuanchow to-day, carrying there 5,000 sacks of rice contributed by overseas Chinese in the Philippines and some 100 refugees from Amoy.

This is the first time that shipping service has been operated between Hong Kong and Chuanchow. Foreign vessels have so far not been allowed to call at Chuanchow as it is not a treaty port.

U.S. AIRLINER
DISASTER

Cleveland (Ohio), To-day.

A giant airliner crashed in flames here yesterday and it is feared that the seven passengers and three crew were killed. — Reuter.

Internal and foreign tranquillisation, should be able and willing to deal with the condition arisen through the partial but extensive mobilisation.—Trans-Ocean.

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suffered heavy casualties too.

Large units of Japanese troops are reported to be massing north of the Lunghai Railway presumably with the intention of effecting junction with their comrades in west Shantung who are still attempting to drive down southward. — Central News.

CHINESE
HOLDING ON
TENACIOUSLY

KAIFENG, TO-DAY.

THE CHINESE TROOPS ON THE LUNGHAI FRONT ARE FIGHTING TENACIOUSLY TO RESIST THE JAPANESE ADVANCE ON LANFENG.

The situation there has twice been extremely critical in the last four days, but it was eased both times by the timely arrival of Chinese mechanised units, which are now playing an important role in repulsing the Japanese raiding parties along the railway line.

Roving Japanese units between Lanfeng and Kaifeng are being "mopped up." Strict vigilance is being taken by the Chinese along this section.

It is estimated that between 3,000 and 4,000 Japanese troops have been slain in the last few days on the Lunghai Railway. The Chinese who braved heavy artillery and aerial bombardment to defend their positions have

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London, April 27.

Lady Simon asked for three lemons yesterday morning. With them she prepared the "voice preserver" which Sir John always takes with him when he is making a big speech.

This is her recipe: To the juice of each lemon add a spoonful of honey and enough boiling water to dilute the honey; a little sugar can also be added if the mixture is not sweet enough. Stir slowly.

She filled a bottle with the mixture, fitted a tumbler over the top and encased in one of the cases she has invented herself for protecting medicine bottles when travelling. It is made of a piece of corrugated paper covered with material and with an elastic ring to grip the neck of the bottle.

Then, wearing one of the new spring straws, in navy, with her navy and white dress and little skunk shoulder cape, she went down to the Treasury and drove



Priscilla Lawson, M.G.M. actress here demonstrates under the supervision of Don Loomis. An up-and-down exercise, good for the legs. Clasp the hands over the head, knees and feet apart, and standing on the balls of the feet, raise up and down, alternately bending and straightening the knees.

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1/2 pound pork steak minced, and
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1 tin corn
1 tin tomato soup
1/2 pound grated cheese
1 tin tomato paste. Cook
1 package wide noodles. Altern-
ate layers of meat, corn, to-
mato and noodles. On each layer
sprinkle grated cheese. Bake
three-fourths of an hour at 350
deg. F.

Scalloped Chicken Supreme

Cut in one-inch pieces
6 cups cooked chicken. Pour
1 cup chicken broth over
6 cups cooked rice. Combine
3 cups milk and
3 cups chicken broth. Thicken
with
4 tablespoons butter melted and
blended with
3/4 cup flour. Add
1 teaspoon salt and
1/8 teaspoon pepper. Cut in slices
1 cup blanched almonds. Cut fine

1 small can pimiento. Slice
2 cups mushrooms and fry in
2 tablespoons butter until lightly
browned. Butter a large shallow
casserole. Cover bottom with
rice. Place a layer of chicken
over rice and add a generous
amount of the gravy. Dot with
almonds, pimiento and mush-
rooms. Repeat with second layer
of each ingredient. Sprinkle
Buttered bread crumbs over top
and add
Paprika. Bake 45 minutes in
moderate oven, 350 deg. F.

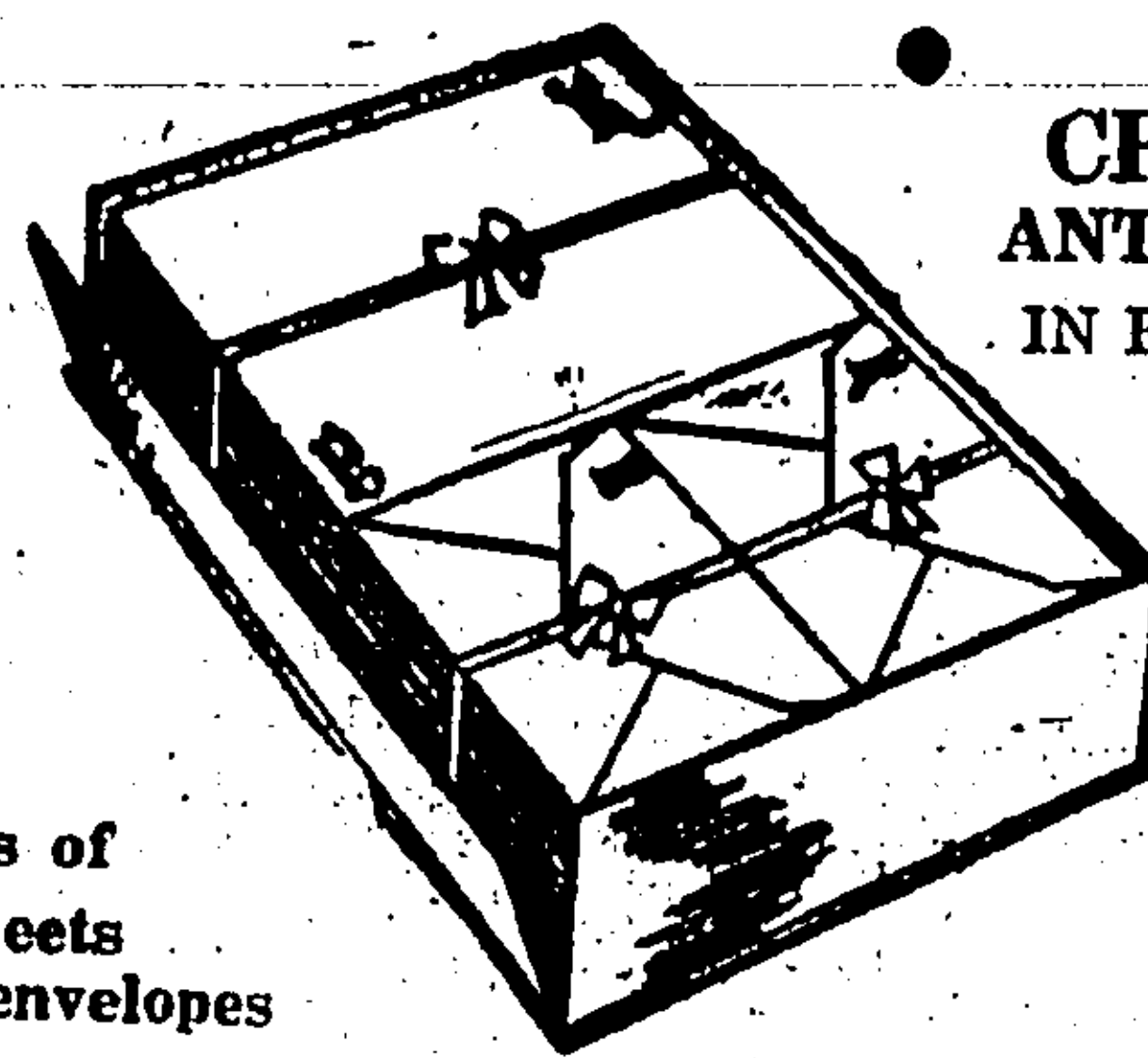
Persian Salad

Soak

1 tablespoon plain gelatin in
2 tablespoons cold tomato soup.
Heat the remainder of
1 tin tomato soup and while hot
add the gelatin and
1 package cream cheese. Stir until
both are melted. When cool add
1 small bottle stuffed olives or
1/2 cup finely chopped green pepper
1 1/2 cups finely diced celery
1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire Sauce.
Pour into molds and chill until
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AN INFORMAL SUPPER

Menu for an informal meal when time is limited has to be chosen with care. Everything must be arranged to facilitate quick service.

Hot bouillon.

Mayonnaise of Lobster or prawns.

Chicken and ham rolls.

Dessert petits-fours.

Coffee.

Serve the bouillon in cups with small over-crisped biscuits.

Lobster or prawns make an excellent salad. Arrange lettuce on shells or plates, cover each one with the flaked meat, top with myonnaise and decorate with slices of hard-boiled egg, capers or tarragon leaves.

Large soft rolls such as are sold at Continental buffets are now obtainable. Filled with slices of chicken and smoked ham, they look attractive. Garnish with tomato, sweet pepper or gherkins.

SALMON PASTRY ROLL

Cut fine, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup celery
 $\frac{1}{8}$ cup green pepper. Cook in 3 tablespoons melted butter until tender. Add to 2 cups flaked salmon (one No. 1 tin).

Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Prepare your favourite pie pastry—an amount equaling 2 cups. Roll out $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick, spread on the salmon filling. Then roll as for a jelly roll. Place on baking sheet and bake at 400 deg. F. for 30 minutes. Serve hot and in slices with creamed mushroom sauce.



A limbering exercise, good for the waist and hips. Lie flat on your side, knees straight, and kick straight out as high as you can.

Safety First As A Slimming Slogan

Exercises That Will Help

The woman who really is burdened with fat deserves all the help and sympathy she can get, because life in her case cannot be enjoyed to the full. Because of the extra weight and heaviness she has to carry she becomes tired after the slightest exertion, feels the heat so much that she cannot look forward with any pleasure to a hot summer's day, gets out of breath quickly, and cannot enjoy her food properly. In older women the condition may be complicated by a weak heart and varicose veins.

If you are going to lose weight successfully, first of all you must discover what causes the trouble. For instance, there is one form of fat which is thought by the medical profession to be caused by some endocrine defect. As a result of under-secretion of the thyroid or the posterior pituitary gland the carbohydrates and fats eaten cannot be properly oxidised. In this case the fat tends to accumulate around the abdomen and hips.

A doctor is the person to deal with this type of fat, and he will probably prescribe thyroid extract. The woman who on her own initiative or on the advice of a friend takes thyroid extract, or any other medicine used by the medical profession for this type of obesity, is asking for trouble. The doctor will recommend a diet.

Fat may be hereditary, and this is difficult to deal with, though it seldom causes serious constitutional trouble.

The ordinary and usual kind of superfluous fat is the result of too much food or the wrong kind of food, too little exercise and not enough fresh air. Women, as a rule, are not inclined to take too much food at each meal, but they may easily plan their meals badly.

Every text book and every report dealing with the food has the same complaint to make—our diet is deficient in vitamins. Lack of vitamins hampers health and good looks in a hundred and one different ways. It accounts, for instance, for dental decay and pyorrhoia, it lowers resistance to infection, causes stunted growth and a tendency to rheumatism. If the housekeeping

is arranged so that each meal includes a sufficient quantity of raw fruit, raw salads and green leafy vegetables, served attractively, less carbohydrate foods and proteins in the way of meat and fuel foods will be eaten. The diet will automatically become balanced, the weight return to normal, and the health improve.

Most people are unaware of the important part played by fresh air in the reduction of fat. Without fresh air there is not sufficient oxygen to oxidise the fat-forming foods.

When it comes to a question of exercise, the person trying to lose a great deal of extra weight must be absolutely certain that the heart is sound. Fat people are likely to suffer from fatty infiltration or fatty degeneration of the heart, in which case it would be dangerous to undertake exercises.

If the heart is sound exercises are extremely useful in helping to reduce the fat. Each exercise, or group of exercises, for a particular part of the body should be preceded by breathing exercise, so that the intake of oxygen may assist in the combustion of the body fats.

An ideal treatment consists of massage and exercises following each other. Massage is useful because it helps to eliminate the fat stored in the superficial tissues of the body by crushing it, therefore the massage has to be really vigorous to be successful.

The parts of the body most affected by the fat are usually the neck and shoulders, under the arms, sides of the chest, the hips, and abdomen.

A useful arrangement for the treatment would be as follows:



Here is a back-bending exercise, which strengthens the back and is good for the abdominal muscles. Stand erect, feet a little apart, knees straight, and bend back as far as you can.

1. Breathing exercise.
2. Neck and shoulder massage.
3. Arm exercise.
4. Neck and shoulder exercise.
5. Breathing.
6. Abdominal exercise.
7. Breathing.
8. Back exercise.
9. Hip and leg massage.
10. Hip and leg exercise.
11. Breathing.

These exercises should be done near an open window; a light-weight woollen sweater and trunks should be worn.

Exercises 2 and 3, as well as the breathing exercise, should be taken sitting astride an ordinary chair, facing the back of it. Needless to say the back of the chair should face the window. The abdominal exercise can be taken lying on the floor, the back exercise is done on hands and knees, and leg exercise standing.

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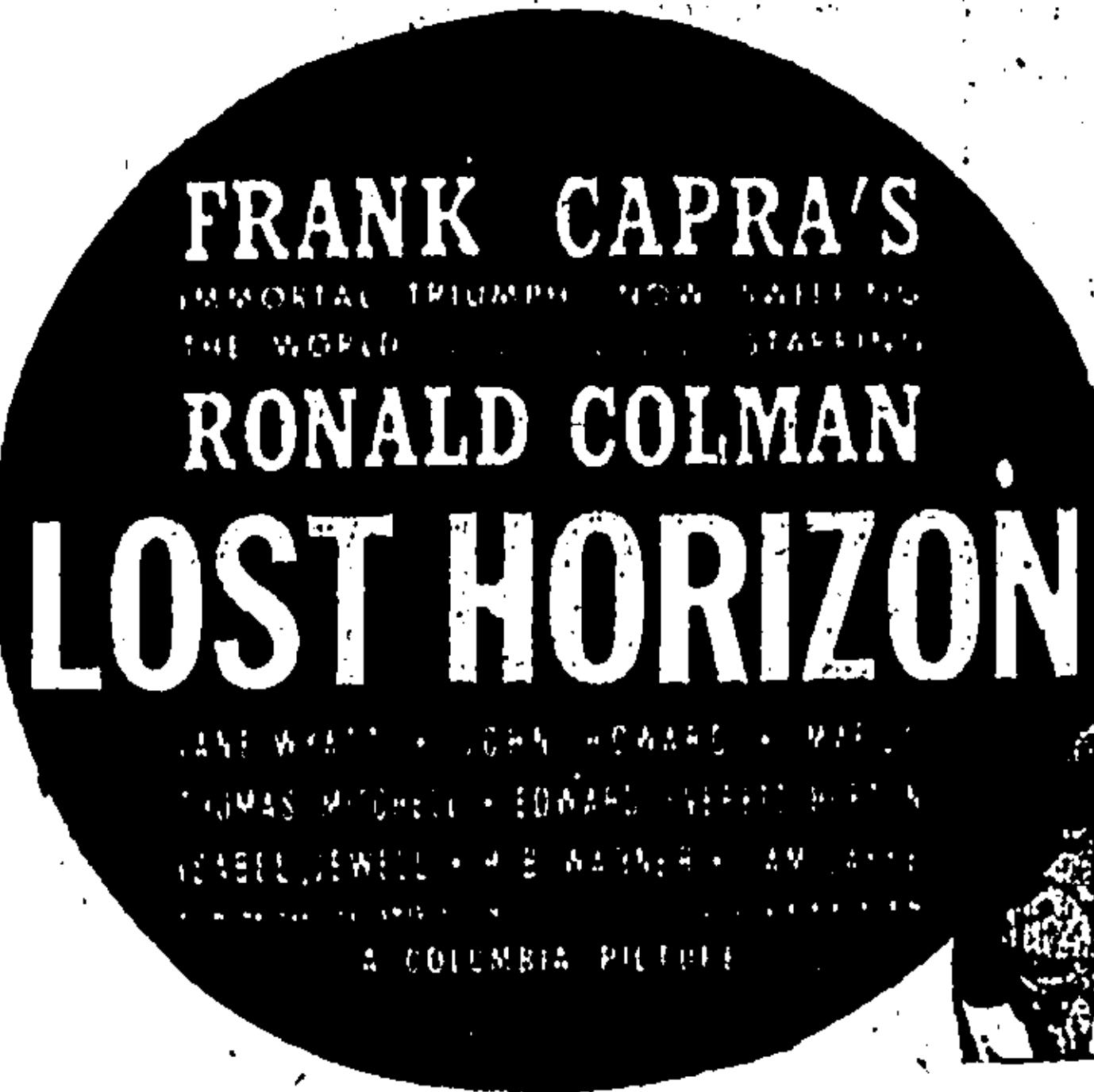
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An application for the reduction of the capital of the Sandakan Light and Power Co. (1922) Ltd., from \$500,000 to \$250,000 was granted by His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor at the Supreme Court this morning.

The Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada junr., instructed by Mr. M. H. Turner of Messrs. Deacons, said that the reason for the application was that there was more capital than was needed and it was proposed to return some to shareholders.

In granting the application, His Lordship said, "The company is in a very happy position and the least we can do is recognise it."

CZECH ENVOY IN PARIS LEAVES FOR PRAGUE

Paris, To-day.

The relaxation of tension in the international situation was marked here with evident satisfaction. The Central European problem is indeed still the principal subject discussed in political circles in Paris but the situation is not being followed with the degree of excitement shown during the week-end.

In the Cabinet Council yesterday, Premier Daladier and the Foreign Minister, M. Bonnet, gave a very detailed report on diplomatic events during the week-end and in the evening M. Bonnet received in succession the British Ambassador, Sir Eric Phipps, the American Ambassador, Mr. William C. Bullitt and the Turkish Ambassador, Mr. Davas.

Mr. Davas dealt principally with the Sanjak question regarding which Turkey has lodged numerous complaints against the French Mandate authorities. The British and American Ambassadors discussed mainly the Central European problem with M. Bonnet.

DEPARTS FOR PRAGUE

The question is asked in many quarters to what extent and in what way French influence will be felt in Prague during the negotiations between Herr Henlein and the Prague Government. In this connection, it is pointed out that the Czecho-Slovakian Minister in Paris, M. Osusky, left for Prague yesterday evening in order to advise the Prague Government of French views.

It was semi-officially stated, in the papers, that the Reichs Government, by its attitude during the week-end, confirmed the assurances given by the Fuehrer of Germany's desire for peace. Therefore, one can look forward to the future with more confidence.—Trans-Ocean.

DIPLOMATIC TALKS

Prague, To-day.

The Czecho-Slovakian Premier, Dr. Hodza, received the French Minister, M. de la Croix, yesterday morning and discussed the present situation. In the afternoon, Dr. Hodza met the British Minister, Mr. Basil Newton.—Trans-Ocean.

GENDARMES GUARD HENLEIN

Prague, To-day.

Konrad Henlein was accompanied by an automobile with Czech gendarmes aboard when travelling the two hundred kilometres from Prague to Asch yesterday, after the parley with the Prime Minister Dr. Hodza.

Other measures were also taken along the road to ensure his safety.

Trans-Ocean's representative learned that when the invitation was issued to Herr Henlein to visit the Prime Minister, the Sudeten German Party pointed out that Herr Henlein's return to Asch could be attended with danger. Therefore the Prague Government took measures for the safety of Herr Henlein's trip to Prague and his return to Asch.—Trans-Ocean.

DR. HODZA REPORTS

Prague, To-day.

The Premier, Dr. Hodza, yesterday gave a lengthy report to the Ministerial Committee regarding his interview with Herr Konrad Henlein.

The "Narodny Listi" states that after the report was read, the debate followed, in which the principles for the negotiations for the settlement of the Nationalities problem were laid down.

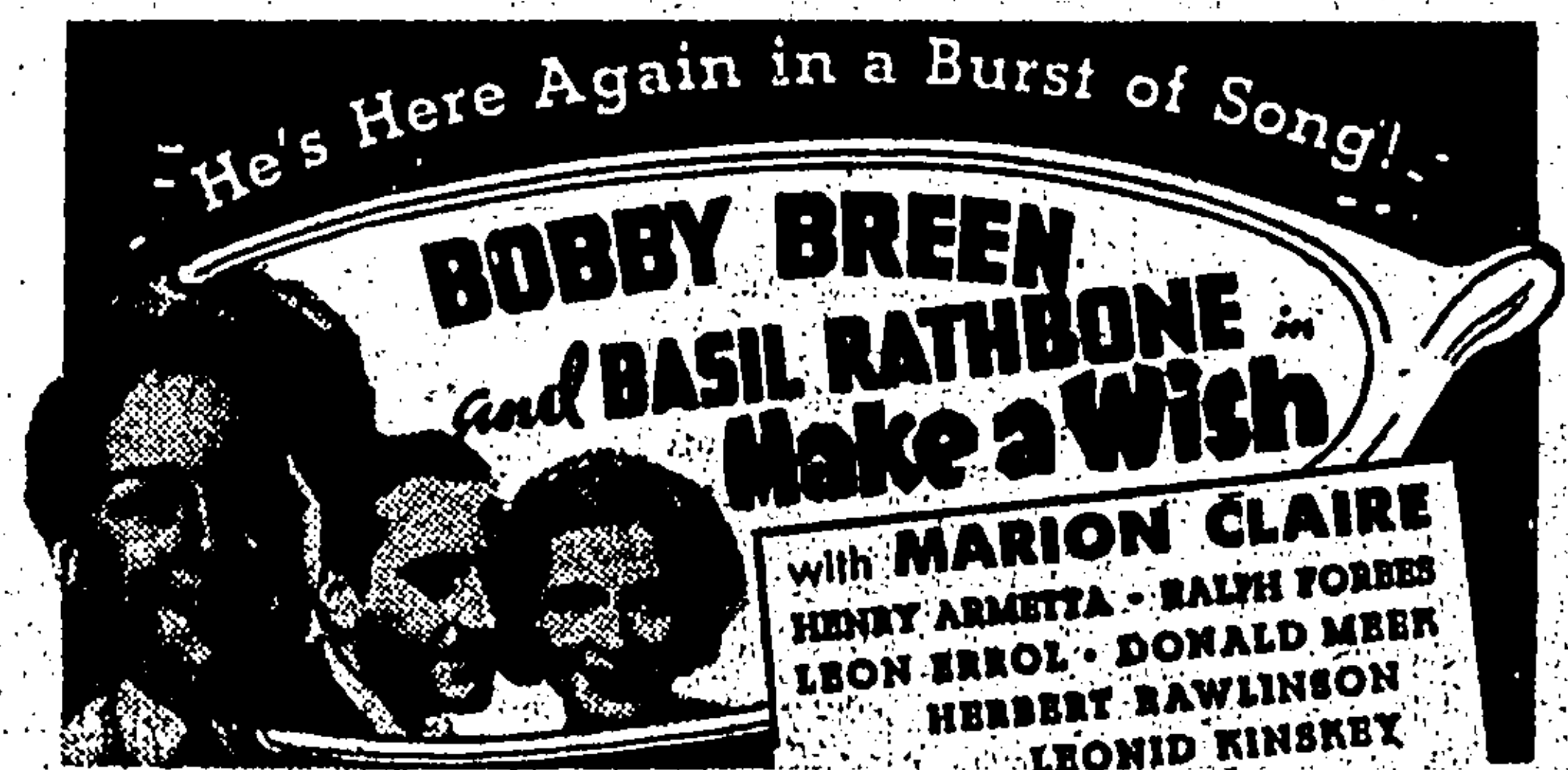
The Cabinet Council will meet again this evening in order to decide on precautionary measures to be taken next Sunday at the municipal elections. — Trans-Ocean.

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Deterioration Of Trade Conditions

London, To-day.

The president of the Board of Trade reviewed economic conditions in the past year in the House of Commons and made references both to the Anglo-American trade negotiations and the position of the cotton industry.

Mr. Oliver Stanley said that 1937, apart from the weaknesses which developed towards the close of the year, had been an extremely prosperous year for British trade.

There had been hardly a section of British industry which had not been able to increase its production and its profits and where wages had not tended to rise. In the first four months of 1938, however, there had been a certain slackening in the increase of production.

The Minister cited the figures of employment, railway receipts, postal receipts and of retail sales in illustration of his statement.

Industrial production last year had been nearly 7% greater than in 1936, following increases of 9½% and just over 7% in the two preceding years. Speaking of the slowing down in the rate of increase of production, Mr. Stanley said that people were naturally seeking a reason for it.

FALL IN PRICES

Anyone who had studied the question knew the main reason was the fall in commodity prices due in the first instance to the war in the Far East which was having a much greater effect upon commodity prices and world trade than was fully realised. The second cause was the influence of the depression in the United States.

With a population of 120,000,000 people with a standard of living higher than anywhere else in the world, the loss of buying power in the United States had a most decisive effect upon commodity prices.

Whereas in 1937, the United States were buying from abroad commodities and raw materials at the rate of 81,000,000 dollars monthly, the average rate for the first two months of this year was only 49,000,000 dollars.

U.S. RECOVERY

American recovery, when it came, would be the greatest contribution which could be made to the recovery of commodity prices and industrial improvement in the United Kingdom.

The difficulties of the cotton industry through the fall in prices had increased the importance of the question of the reorganisation of industry.

Mr. Stanley recalled that last year the Government had decided that it could not endorse the scheme put forward by the deputation from Lancashire because of its sec-

tional character. They had asked the joint committee representing the whole cotton industry to make proposals and that was done in December.

Certain difficulties had arisen within the industry and the President of the Board of Trade made an appeal to the various sections to try to reach an agreement.

The question of the adverse balance of trade which had been the subject of a number of Parliamentary questions recently was taken up by the Minister in his speech.

AVERAGE BALANCE

He said the adverse balance last year amounted to £52,000,000, compared with £18,000,000 the year before. This £52,000,000 was affected to some extent by a special transaction in silver amounting to about £11,000,000. He thought the adverse balance of £52,000,000 not in itself very frightening. It was true that the excess of imports of merchandise rose from £346,000,000 in 1936 to £432,000,000 in 1937 but the analysis of the cause of rise showed it was not due to a decline in United Kingdom exports. The volume of exports had increased by 9½ per cent. The increased excess of imports was due almost entirely to a rise in the price of imported commodities.

If they were to re-value exports and imports of 1937 from the point of view of a price level, the increased excess of £86,000,000 would be only £8,000,000.

NOT ENCOURAGING

This rise in the price of raw commodities imported was the thing all of them for some time had been hoping to see and the fact it was occurring, therefore, did not give rise to any particular anxiety because, to a large extent, the rise in the price of imports should be followed, after a certain lag, by rising receipts from exports.

The figures for the first four months of this year, however, the Minister thought were not so encouraging.

Despite the beginning of the fall of commodity prices, the adverse balance had increased, due partly to an increase of imports but even more to a decrease of exports. The striking fact was that the whole increased adverse balance of trade in the first four months of the year was covered by the increased adverse balance with one country — the United States.

Such figures were disquieting and would have to be taken into account in the negotiations proceeding with the United States to which the Minister then referred.

He said he had already told the House on several occasions the great importance which attached to a successful outcome from those negotiations. He continued:

TRADE EXPANSION

"What I mean by a successful outcome is a genuine trade agreement which does provide for a fair expansion of trade on the part of both countries. The treaty which is concluded must be a treaty which will stand on its own legs, is fair to both countries and will lead to an expansion of trade between them."

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NEW MILITARY ATTACHE IN ROME

London, To-day.

The "London Gazette" last night announced the promotion of Major M. B. Burrows, of the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards to the rank of Colonel and his appointment to be Military Attache at Rome, both to date 18th May 1938.

Colonel Burrows, during the Great War served in France and Belgium. He has been on the General Staff at the War Office since February, 1935.—British Wireless.

negotiations for a trade agreement could not any longer afford make with India and announced that unilateral gestures of goodwill in preliminary negotiations between a trade matters.

They believed in a policy of bilateral trade negotiations which they had carried on during the year but to a large extent the amount of access to the home market given to foreign countries depended not only upon the British Government but upon foreign governments and how much access to their markets they were willing to give to British exports. International trade was vital to Britain and in any agreement with other countries the Government must be sure of equal treatment and fair play for British goods. — British Wireless.

He could not see how it was possible to conclude a trade agreement with India unless they found a satisfactory settlement of the cotton question.

BILATERAL TREATIES

In the concluding part of his speech, Mr. Stanley gave warning to foreign countries that, much as the Government might desire to give them, so far was compatible with fairness to British manufacturers, access to the great United Kingdom consuming market they

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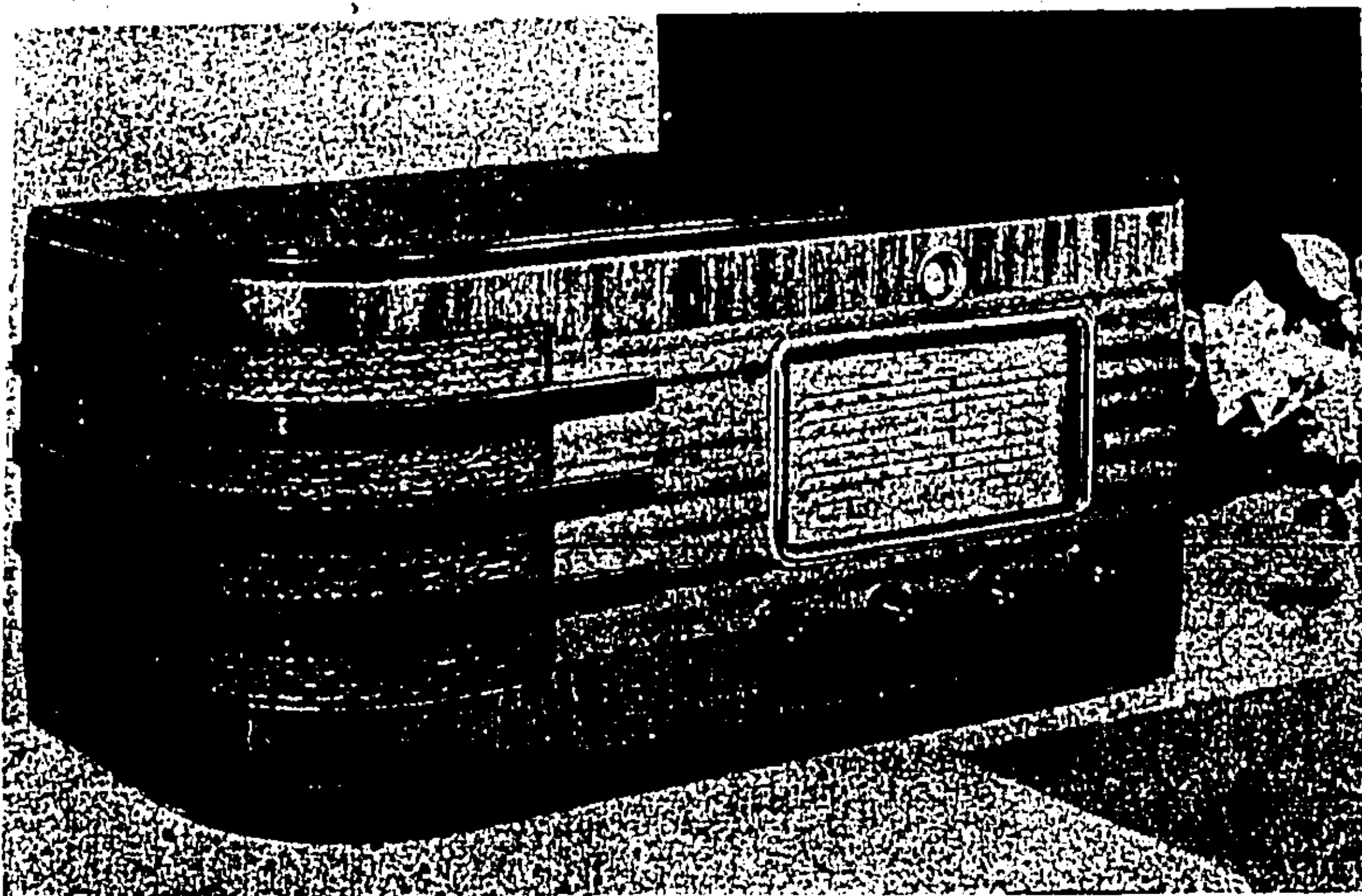
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OCCASIONAL RAIN

The Royal Observatory reports that a ridge of moderately high pressure extends from the mouth of the Yangtze across Japan to the Pacific; pressure is relatively low over Indo-China.

Local forecast:—E. and S. E. winds, moderate; cloudy generally, occasional rain.

UNIVERSITY THEFTS

Lee Zau Tong a student at the Hong Kong University has reported the loss of a camera and a suit, valued at \$121, from his room at Elliot Hall yesterday.

Dr. W. L. Fook of the Hong Kong University, has reported the loss in the surgery at the University of a wallet a hat and a rain-coat.

ITALIAN NEWSPAPER'S APPEAL FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Rome, To-day.

Commenting on the election results in Czechoslovakia, "Popolo d'Italia" observes that the movement aiming at complete union of all German elements in that country has made enormous progress.

This, on the other hand, has served to strengthen the demand for autonomy.

THE MILAN PAPER "CORRIERE DELLA SERA" STRESSES THAT SIGNS OF APPEASEMENT ARE BEGINNING TO MANIFEST THEMSELVES AND POINTS OUT IN THIS CONNECTION THAT THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN COUNT CIANO AND THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR, LORD PERTH, UNDOUBTEDLY CONTRIBUTED TO BRING ABOUT A DECREASE OF TENSION.

The Turin paper "Stampa," after noting with satisfaction that complications which might have resulted in a European war have so far been avoided, emphasises that the situation none the less remains abnormal since hostilities may break out any day as result of a frontier incident.

Hence, even if immediate danger has been averted for the time being, great efforts will still be required to bring about a definite peaceful settlement of numerous thorny problems and create an atmosphere favourable to international co-operation.

LESSON TO BE DRAWN

The paper asks whether it would not have been possible for the interview between Dr. Hodza and Herr Henlein to have taken place before the killing of the two Sudeten Germans and the mobilisation measures had still further envenomed the quarrel.

The paper says that the possibility of a general conflagration seemed ominously near last Saturday and that the lesson to be drawn from this is the urgent necessity of ensuring a minimum of co-operation between the European powers.

The paper criticises French policy in regard to Spain and says that the cause of peace is not served by encouraging the Government in Barcelona to further useless resistance. Those who add fuel to the flames in Spain cannot be surprised if one day the sparks from that fire should ignite the European power magazine.—Trans-Ocean.

SURPRISE WEDDING OF MR. HAROLD ICKES

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

MR. HAROLD ICKES, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, WAS MARRIED IN DUBLIN, IRELAND, YESTERDAY TO MISS JANE DAHLMAN, 25, OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN.

News of the wedding has caused the greatest surprise in Washington, as only Mr. Ickes' closest friends knew that he had gone abroad to be married.

After the ceremony the bride and bridegroom cabled the news to friends in Washington.—Reuter.

The offices of the Consulat de France will be closed to the general public to-morrow (Thursday), being the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord.

LAWRENCE'S COTTAGE FOR NATION

London, To-day.

The country cottage in which Lawrence of Arabia lived after his retirement from the Royal Air Force, has been presented to the National Trust.

The cottage is in an isolated part of Dorset not far from Bovingdon Camp, where Lawrence worked as "Aircraftman Shaw."—Reuter.

EXECUTORS DISAPPEAR WITH FUNDS

An action was heard by His Honour, Sir Atholl MacGregor at the Supreme Court this morning whereby Au Cho Chi, one of the beneficiaries under the will of her husband, Au Tak, who died in 1920, asked that Au Wing-kee and Au Wing-yau, as executors of the will of her husband, be removed and others appointed, and for the impounding of the interest of one of the defendants who was also a beneficiary under the will.

Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. H. K. Woo, told the court that plaintiff was a widow, concubine of deceased, who was entitled under the will to a half share in \$34,000 and property situated at 12 and 14 On Lan Street. There was another concubine who was entitled to a similar interest.

Defendants were the executors of the will. The second defendant was also a substantial beneficiary under the will.

By arrangement with plaintiff defendants were required to pay the sum of \$200 a month, subject to certain deductions and were also required to furnish accounts. Despite requests, these accounts had never been forthcoming.

Defendants had since disappeared and had the \$34,000 and plaintiffs asked that the interest held by second defendant in the property be impounded in order to cover the loss of the money.

Defendants also asked that Messrs. S. Hampden Ross and W. L. Alexander be appointed trustees of the estate.

Mr. H. K. Woo, in evidence, said that he had acted from time to time for both defendants and plaintiffs. Since April 1936, his firm had been collecting rent and profits from the defendants on behalf of plaintiffs. The last payment was made by defendants in April of this year since when he had been unable to trace them either at their business address or at the private addresses which had been furnished him.

His Lordship gave a judgement with costs and granted the orders asked.

GENERAL SELF-RESTRAINT

Europe Congratulating Itself On Escape

Czech Minister In London Going To Prague

London, To-day.

The Czech Minister in London, M. Jan Masryk, is leaving for Prague to-morrow (Thursday) to acquaint President Benes and the Premier, Dr. Milan Hodza, with the trend of events and feeling in Great Britain. He will also discuss the situation with the Czech statesmen.

Observers in London attribute easing of the tension not so much to the attitude adopted by any one Power as to the general self-restraint shown all-round in trying and inflammable circumstances.

It is felt that Germany, France and Czecho-Slovakia, as well as Poland and Hungary, have made contributions in this direction, and it was this calmness and self-control which rendered possible relaxation of the tension. — Reuter.

HENLEIN-HODZA TALKS

Prague, To-day.

The conversations yesterday between the Czech Premier, Dr. Hodza, and Herr Henlein, Sudeten leader, are considered in official quarters to have been a distinct success.

The talks, which were conducted in a very friendly tone, will be continued to-day.

It is believed the exchange of opinion has had an excellent effect on development of the minority problem, though it is pointed out that it is naturally impossible for details of the Nationalities Statute to be discussed between them since this was their first interview. — Reuter.

AUSPICIOUS SIGN

London, To-day.

The opening of informal parleys between Konrad Henlein and Dr. Hodza yesterday are regarded as an auspicious sign and the newspapers express the hope that this first contact will be followed by formal negotiations for a settlement of the Nationalities' question.

Although Mr. Chamberlain had announced that the parleys would begin yesterday, the fact that the first conference between Herr Henlein and Dr. Hodza lasted nearly four hours, came as agreeable surprise.

The long duration of the conference is regarded as extremely favourable sign and the increasing optimism finds expression in the headlines of the papers.

EIGHT DEMANDS

The "Daily Mail" expects that the Prague Government will accept the eight demands formulated by Konrad Henlein in his speech at Karlsbad, but stresses that the "modus of the settlement is a matter which concerns the two contracting parties alone."

The "Times" publishes a lengthy editorial headed "Relaxation of Tension." Referring to British mediation, the paper declares that the British people have every reason to be satisfied with the British Government's policy. The situation was serious enough

since the zone around Czecho-Slovakia contained all elements for an explosion but diplomacy prevailed so that negotiations have been opened. This is an important success since it cannot be sufficiently emphasised that a settlement of international questions in any other way or manner must inevitably lead to a catastrophe.

It only remains to be hoped that the next elections in Czecho-Slovakia will likewise pass off quietly. The paper concludes with the warning that the situation still demands the closest attention. — Trans-Ocean.

GOOD WILL SHOWN

Prague, To-day.

The chief organ of the Sudeten German Party, "Die Zeit," commenting at some length on the statement made by Mr. Neville Chamberlain on the Czechoslovakian question, says that the Sudeten Germans as well as the foreign Powers showed an admirable calm and an extraordinary amount of good will in order to prevent a catastrophe from which a general European conflagration might easily have resulted.

In view of this demonstration of good will, it is now up to Prague to create on its part the conditions for a clarification and improvement of the atmosphere. Mere promises will not be enough but the conditions must be so that negotiations can be begun with the hope that they will be at least partially successful.

SHADOW OF BAYONETS

The paper points out that negotiations for a settlement cannot be conducted under the shadow of bayonets and that normal constitutional conditions must be restored by rescinding the measures which brought about an accentuation of the tension.

The re-establishment of these conditions by the Prague Government is, therefore, an essential condition for negotiations on an equality basis and absolutely necessary to assure success of international action for European appeasement. — Trans-Ocean.

Remanded for a doctor's certificate, Wong Tse Hoong, unemployed, was this morning sentenced to four months' hard labour and 12 strokes by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy for the theft of an earring from an unknown woman in Des Voeux Road Central on Friday.

CONTACT TO BE CONTINUED

Prague, To-day.

A communique issued yesterday by the executive council of the Sudeten German Party states that although Konrad Henlein has again left Prague, parliamentary representatives of the party will continue to remain in contact with the Premier Dr. Hodza. — Trans-Ocean.

DISCUSSIONS ON TEXT OF NEW STATUTE LIKELY

Prague, To-day.

From the fact that the Statute of Nationalities prepared by the Czechoslovak Government was not communicated to Konrad Henlein on the occasion of his interview with Premier Hodza on Monday, the Sudeten German party organ "Die Zeit" draws the conclusion that the Statute is not yet ready.

Well-informed quarters here believe that the terms of the new Statute will not be definitely drafted until agreement has been reached on the subject between the Czechoslovak Government and representatives of the various ethnical minorities. — Trans-Ocean.

GAMBLING RAID

Failing to appear before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, on a charge of keeping a gambling house at 22, Lee Yuen Street East, Chan On and Pan Tin had their bail of \$50 each estreated.

The sum of \$7.75 table money picked up was ordered to be placed in the Poor Box.

TERRORISM FLARES UP IN JERUSALEM

Jerusalem, To-day.

Curfew was imposed throughout Jerusalem from 7 o'clock last night following a sudden flareup of terrorism.

One Jew was killed and 18 wounded in eight shooting, bombing and stoning incidents.

The council of the Jerusalem Jewish community has issued a strong appeal to Jews to keep calm, not to surrender to provocative agitation and to assist the authorities to control law and order. — Reuter.

FUNERAL OF CZECH BORDER VICTIMS

Prague, To-day.

The funeral of the two German farmers shot on Saturday on the frontier is taking place to-day at Eger.

Herr Henlein, the Sudeten leader, is attending, and a wreath sent by Herr Hitler will be laid on the grave by the German military attache.

A dais draped with black will be erected on the spot bearing the insignia of the Sudeten Deutsch, from which speeches will be delivered. — Reuter.

An aged woman, Lee Yun, was fined \$50 or six weeks' hard labour by Mr. R. Edwards for possession of prepared opium in Queen's Road Central yesterday.

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But you don't. Records show that the Miss Smiths like marrying the Mr. Smiths.

In the marriage records, the Smiths take up as much room as in the telephone directories. And Smith calls to Smith with a vengeance!

In fact Miss Smith is distinctly shy of people with unusual names.

After Smith, her preference in bridegrooms goes like this:

1. Mr. Jones. 2. Mr. Baker. 3. Mr. Harris. 4. Mr. Brown.

She's not a bit like Miss Holmes. The Misses Holmes of this world just love a man with a cute name.

They marry men with names like

Cunnibear, Applegate, Milton or Dison.

Just to be different they'll even Mr. Mince.

And now for Mr. Smith. He's fond of a girl with a plain name.

His favourite is Smith. Runners-ups: Brown, Jones and Harris.

Mr. Brown is fondest of Miss Brown, but he has a strong feeling for Miss Smith and Miss Baker.

Miss Brown can't make up her mind between Mr. Brown and Mr. Smith. For her Jones comes a bad third.

Both Mr. and Miss Harris prefer to marry Smiths.

But Miss Harris is more eager because Mr. Harris doesn't mind marrying a Miss Jones now and again.

Now for some other names. Your name is Rankin, madame?

Well, you'll probably marry someone named Baker.

Miss Phillips? The popular Mr. Smith may be your choice.

The genealogists believe that marriages are so important that they deserve to be carefully recorded. So they are classifying every marriage.

Early records come from parish registers; later ones from the records at Somerset House.

Girls, you see, however much they may deny it, can't help paying a lot of attention to the name of the man they are going to marry.

There was one I knew—I shall have to call her Pamela L-F—who became more or less engaged to a Smith.

Now for centuries the L-F's have been a famous family in their county. They are all brought up with an intense pride in the family tradition, and the family name. It has become a sort of creed with them.

Pamela met Smith.

Pamela did what every L-F has to do: she had to take Mr. Smith round to all the cousins and the aunts, and introduce him.

Every cousin and every aunt, without fail, raised her eyebrows when the poor man was introduced. The thing got on Pamela's nerves.

She began to wonder whether she could spend the whole of the rest of her life just as plain Mrs. Smith.

Sounds ridiculous, doesn't it? But she had been brought up in a strange world, and she was over-sensitive. She began to find fault with Mr. Smith.

Safe in the arms of Mr. Smith.

Who knows? In future years the genealogists may discover that Miss Smith no longer favours Mr. Smith, but gives her heart to the Tuffnells, the Crumps and the Mincees.

And that Miss Holmes has gone in for the Smiths and Browns.

But for the present we can leave Miss Smith in the place these records prove she likes best.

Safe in the arms of Mr. Smith.

He, quite naturally, began to quarrel a little with her.

Within six months, to the delight of the cousins and the aunts, the wedding was called off. Mr. Smith went his way.

A year later Pamela married. Married someone with a name as illustrious as her own: a name that she felt she could hand on to her children without embarrassment, a name

BY ROBERT BARR

Want to know the odds against your marrying a Mr. Smith, a Mr. Brown?

Do you know what you are probably in for if you're a Miss Harris?

Or the sort of girl who marries names like Applegate and Cunnibear?

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that went down well with her own family.

BUT THE MARRIAGE WAS A FAILURE

I never heard what happened to Mr. Smith. But I know that Pamela bitterly regrets the idiotic folly of having been snobbish about the name of Smith.

I know that she hates her family, is parted from her husband, and is growing sad and bitter—simply because of that trouble over a name.

That is just one example of the importance that can lie in a name.

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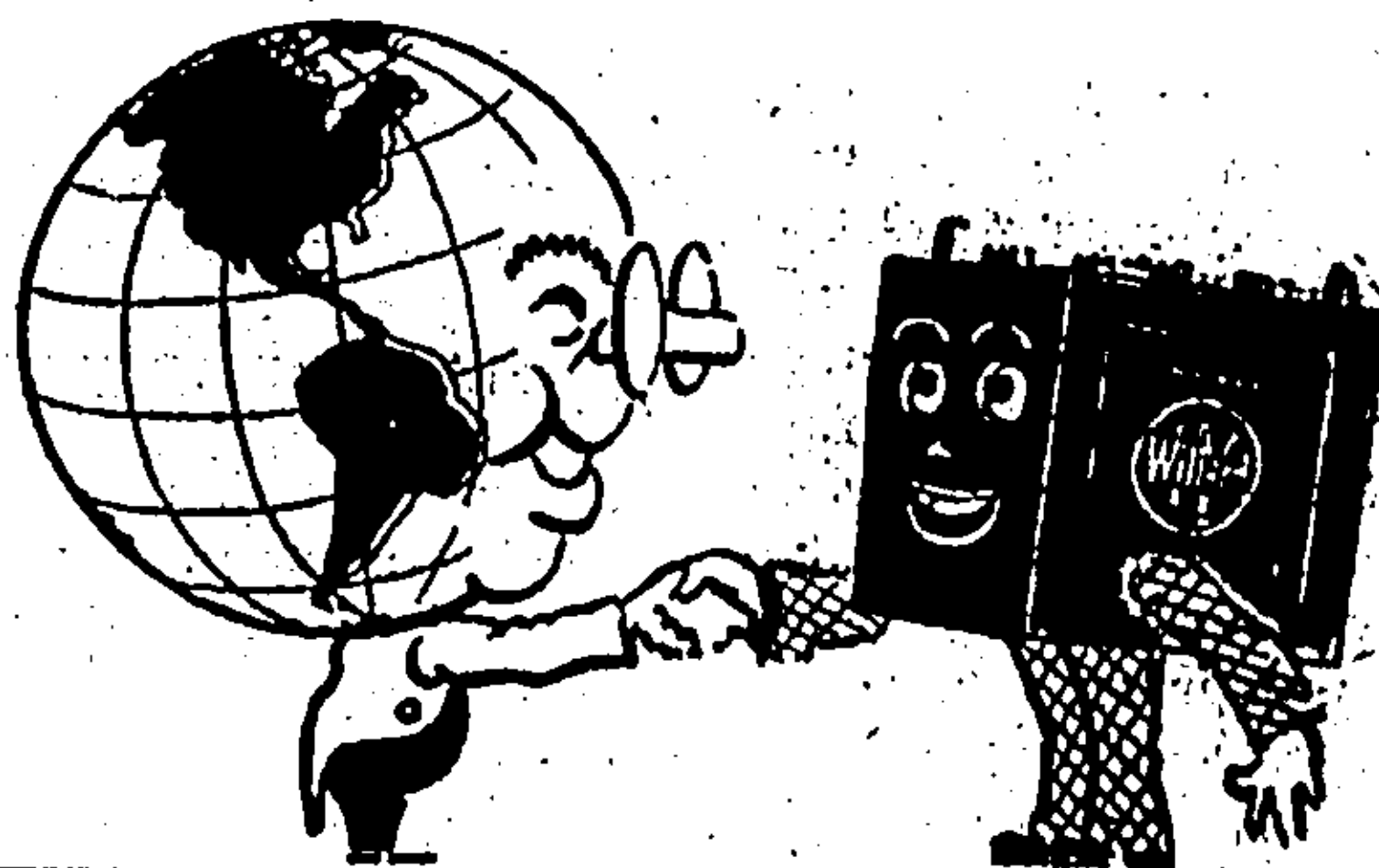
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HSUCHOW AIM FAILS

Foreign Opinion After Tour Of Front

Japanese Troops Sandwiched Near Lanfeng

Peiping, To-day.

Foreign press correspondents who had been invited by Japanese headquarters to visit the Lunghai front, declared after their return here last evening that capture of Hsuehchow has not decided the issue of the struggle in this region.

The correspondents stressed that the capture of Hsuehchow was planned by the Japanese General Staff with the aim of completely destroying the armies of the Hankow Government.

This aim, they added, could not be accomplished at Hsuehchow since the main body of the Chinese troops succeeded in escaping from threatened envelopment.—Trans-Ocean.

Berlin, To-day.

The strategical consequences of the fall of Hsuehchow are discussed by the "Volkischer Beobachter" in yesterday's issue.

The article, which appears to be written by a well-informed military authority, reaches the conclusion that General Terauchi has failed in his objective which was to incapacitate the enemy.

General Li Chung-jen was able to withdraw the main body of his forces.

After a detailed account of the recent operations by both sides, he sums up the position:

"Nevertheless, the difficulties confronting the Japanese troops have in no way diminished. To be sure, contact has been set up between the northern and southern armies but the march on Hankow demands apart from numbers of fresh troops, further protective measures against Chinese irregulars which are harassing the Japanese to a far greater extent than is admitted by the Japanese command.

GUERRILLAS IN NORTH

Even in the north, the guerilla war keeps breaking out anew and in the region between Peiping and Kalgan very considerable bands of Chinese irregulars have been making their presence felt during the last few days.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is continuing to operate with the best weapon at his disposal.—Trans-Ocean.

DOIHARA DIVISION SURROUNDED

Chengchow, To-day.

Large units of the Doihara Division are surrounded in villages north of Louwangchieh, according to a telephone message from the front.

Launching a general counter-attack, two Chinese columns tightened their grip on the main body of the Doihara Division scattered on the Lunghai Railway between Kai-feng and Lanfeng yesterday. Severe fighting broke out at Kuhsing-tsi and Louwangchieh in the neighbourhood of Louwang station, 13 kilometres east of Lanfeng. The Japanese fell back, leaving between 400 and 500 dead and wounded on the battlefield.

TROOPS SANDWICHED

The Japanese troops sandwiched between Chinese troops are said to be running short of ammunition and provisions. In an attempt to effect junction with their comrades

at Kuantai on the north bank of the Yellow River a column pushed northward to Chenliukow on the brink of the river. They succeeded in occupying Chenliukow but are surrounded by strong Chinese forces.—Central News.

SEVERE FIGHTING

Hankow, To-day.

Very severe fighting is going on at present in the eastern section of the Lunghai Railway east of Lanfeng, in which the Chinese and Japanese are bitterly contesting for possession of Lanfeng, declares the Chinese military spokesman.

The spokesman emphatically denies the Japanese claim of occupation of Lanfeng.

He declared that Japanese troops commanded by Major-General Doihara are occupying positions north of Lanfeng and Lowang, adding that the Chinese forces are launching a vigorous attack on Japanese troops from three directions in a determined effort to save Lanfeng.

YELLOW RIVER THREAT

The possibility is seen here of the Japanese crossing the Yellow River west of Chengchow in an attempt to encircle the Chinese positions at Chengchow from the north-east and west.

Following a severe artillery bombardment the Japanese troops have captured Wenhsien, in north-west Honan on the north bank of the Yellow River, opposite Loyang, apparently for the purpose of crossing the river in the vicinity of Wenhsien, Menghsien and Sinyang.

The Japanese troops in south-east Shansi are reported to be moving south-eastward on Ponnai, western terminus of the Taohing Railway to join Japanese troops in the vicinity of Wenhsien.—Reuter.

ARYANISM IN AUSTRIA

Berlin, To-day.

The law for "protection of the German race against contamination," enacted at Nuremberg on September 15, 1935, will henceforth be extended to Austria under the terms of a decree published here yesterday.

The clause prohibiting Jews from employing German or other Aryan women under 45 years of age will, however, not be applied in Austria before August next. All other clauses are applicable immediately.—Trans-Ocean.

VOLCANIC ERUPTION IN ITALY

Rome, To-day.

Stromboli has suddenly become active again, with a first eruption starting on Sunday evening. Loud explosions, thick showers of ashes and a heavy flow of lava are frequent, but so far no damage has been caused. The lava is flowing over Halde Sciarra del Fuogo to the sea but villages are in no danger.—Trans-Ocean.

POLICE LAUNCH CHASES DYNAMITE GANG

A police launch was involved in an exciting chase after a dynamite-running gang yesterday in the Colony's waters, resulting in the appearance of three Chinese before the Hon. Commander G.F. Hole, Harbour Master, at the Marine Court this morning.

The men were Wing On, 32, master of junk No. 209F, Li Wah, 23, and Li Ting, 22, junk foks, charged with depositing rubbish or other substance (alleged to be dynamite) into the harbour without lawful permission.

They were each fined \$50 or two months' hard labour. Inspector A. Wright, of the Water Police, prosecuted.

It was alleged that information was received that accused were conveying dynamite to Tai Po. A police launch was sent out to apprehend the men. On seeing the police launch approaching, accused, on reaching Cape Collison, dumped the dynamite overboard, leaving the police with no alternative but to charge them with dumping rubbish into the harbour without lawful authority.

CHINESE CONSTABLE'S SUICIDE

Excitement reigned in Shamshuipo Police Station at 5 p.m. yesterday, when a revolver shot was heard inside the station.

A Chinese constable, Lu Yau No. C632, aged about 30 years, it was discovered, had committed suicide by shooting himself with a revolver in the Chinese barrack-room. The revolver, with one bullet fired, was found beside the unconscious man.

He was sent to the Kowloon Hospital, but died about eight hours later.

The deceased came off duty at 4 p.m.

General J.G. Harbord, Chairman of the Radio Corporation of America, arrived in the Colony this morning from Manila, and will be the guest of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, while in the Colony. A luncheon party is being given in General Harbord's honour at Government House to-day.

MARTIAL LAW PROCLAIMED IN CHUNGSHAN

Macao, To-day.

The village of Ki Yan Siac, Lappa Island, which has been repeatedly shelled by Japanese warships during the past few days, was the objective of a Japanese attack yesterday evening at about seven p.m.

Japanese seaplanes appeared over the village and dropped a number of bombs, while landing parties in motor launches attempted to get ashore.

They encountered stiff resistance from the garrison who opened fire with machineguns and light artillery.

Large numbers of refugees, mostly women and children, are pouring into Macao from the Chungshan district.

They report that all able-bodied men are being drafted into military service. This is an indication that the Chinese military authorities are expecting an early Japanese invasion.

From the refugees, it was also learned that martial law has been declared in Chungshan.—Our Own Correspondent.

COUNT CIANO'S DISCUSSION WITH LORD PERTH

Rome, To-day.

The Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, had a parley with the British Ambassador, Lord Perth, here yesterday evening when they discussed the Czechoslovakian question.

The statesmen are reported to have agreed that the tension was easing and that no serious developments are to be feared.—Trans-Ocean.

Sleep Is All Important For Your Baby.

A Simple Aid

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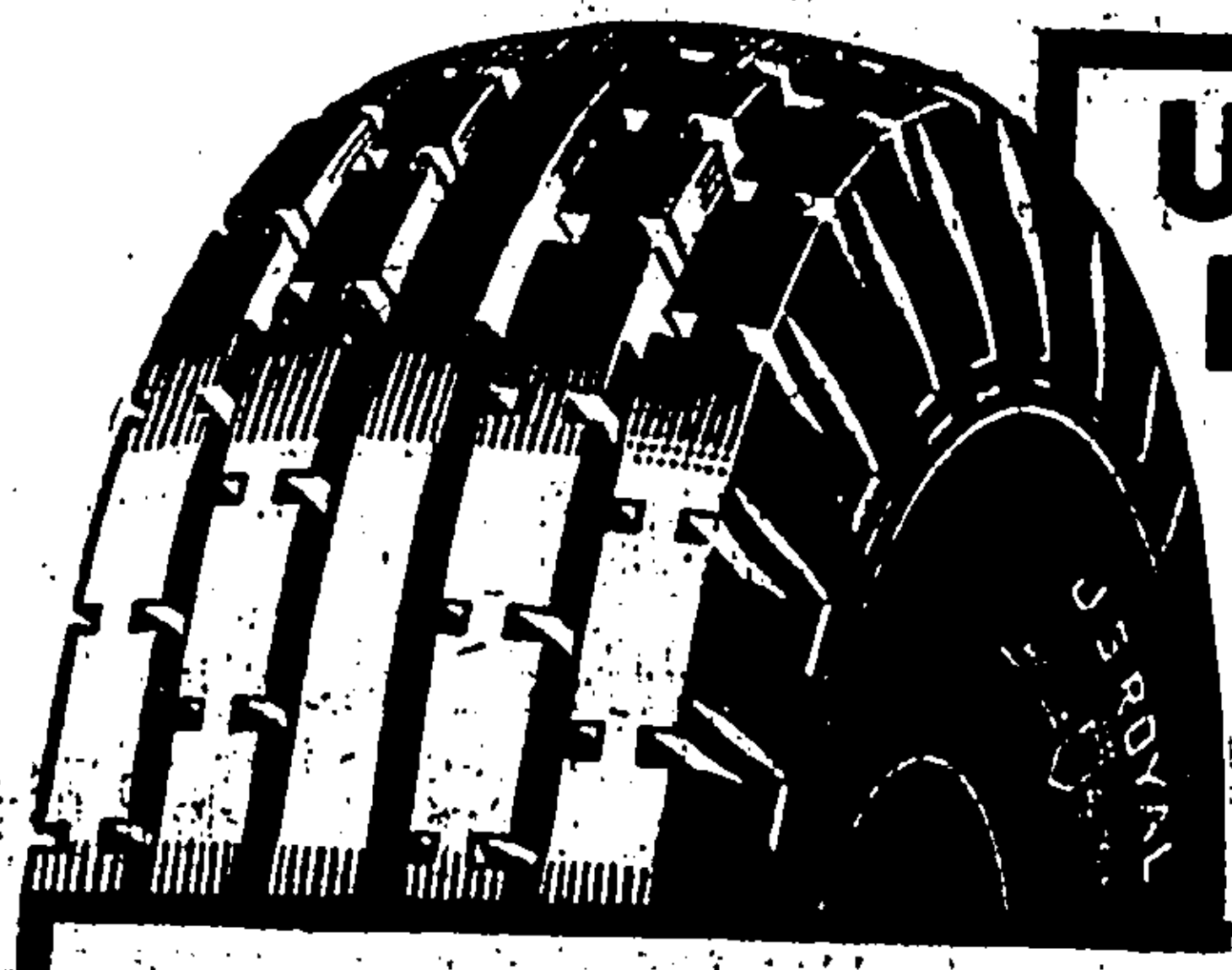
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MALARIA AND THE LEAGUE

Good news regarding the treat-
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ed by the Health Organisation of
the League of Nations from the
authorities in the Federated
Malay States. At the request of
the League, experiments with
substitutes for quinine have been
going on in a number of countries
in Europe, Africa and Asia since
1935. From Malaya it is now
reported that the synthetic drugs
used have proved to be as effec-
tive as quinine, and they can be
produced at a fraction of the cost.

The importance of this dis-
covery can be gathered from the
fact that, according to Dr. Rajch-
man, Director of the League's
Health Section, "some 250 million
people in the world to-day are be-
ing slowly disabled by this dis-
ease". Malaria is rife in the
tropical forests of Africa and
Latin America, the great plains
of Europe and Asia, the swamps
of the Mississippi, and in many
other places. White, yellow,
black and brown races fall vic-
tims to various forms of the
scourge.

There are two aspects of the
malaria question to which the
League has been devoting special
attention. First comes the pre-
vention of the disease, by such
measures as the destruction of
the carrier mosquito and the
draining of swamps. Secondly
there is the matter of cure.

Quinine, of course, is the best
known drug for the treatment of
malaria, but "the views of pro-
ducers and consumers are often
considerably at variance." A
wealth of meaning can be read
into this bald statement in one of
the League of Nations' reports
on malaria. The simple fact is
that quinine production has got
into the hands of certain business
interests (in the Dutch Indies)
which purposely restrict supply
in order to force up the price. To
cure such cases of malaria as
present themselves for treatment
at recognised institutions in the
course of a year, roughly 1,400
tons of quinine would be need-
ed. But the total world produc-
tion is only half this amount.
Many Governments have told the
League that they find the price
prohibitive.

That explains why the Geneva
Health Organisation has been de-
voting so much time and atten-

tion to technical research in con-
nection with substitutes for quin-
ine. Though there still remains
much to be done, it will be seen
that the results have been dis-
tinctly encouraging.

By Bus, on the Thames

London's first water-bus, "The
Pride of Westminster," was re-
cently launched! and through-
out the summer it will maintain
a service on the Thames from
Westminster to Southend. Thus,
perhaps, has begun a revival of
the ancient glory of London's
river, which it once enjoyed as a
fashionable and busy highway
for passenger traffic. It is a long
time since the "jolly young water-
man," who boasted proudly,

I'll stick to the river, the
jolly old river,

So long as she'll stick to me,
ceased to ply his trade; since the
gilded barges of the nobles gave
place to tugs and lighters; and
the sea gulls came to roost undis-
turbed on the riverside stairs.

There are, of course, summer
pleasure boats and excursion
steamers on the Thames, but this
is the first attempt to inaugurate
a river taxi; and when one con-
siders the traffic congestion on
the streets, the advantages that
the river has to offer as a thor-
oughfare across the heart of the
city, and the unique amenities
that pertain to travel upon the
water, it seems curious that the
attempt has not been made be-
fore. A great deal hangs upon
the success or failure of "The
Pride of Westminster"—she may
well become the lasting pride of
London, the first of a grand
flotilla, and add something more
than a bubble reputation to Lon-
don's stream of "liquid history."

The Arch Problem

It seems that the most incon-
venient form of architecture, at
least in London, is the arch. At
the present moment the L.C.C.
seems likely to have two arches
on its hands, so to speak, at any
moment. There is talk of the
necessity of returning Temple
Bar to London, though no one
seems to know where exactly it
can be placed without being
rather absurd or in the way; and
the House of Commons has been
told that London can keep the
Doric Arch at Euston if it likes
to find another site and re-erect
it.

This is not the first time that
arches have meant trouble. There
was the Marble Arch, which was
to be the state entrance to Buc-
kingham Palace, was erected
there at enormous cost, and then
removed to the north end of Hyde
Park, where it has no apparent
purpose and looks both forlorn
and ridiculous. On the other side
of the park the present Consti-
tution Hill Arch has found quite
a good position, but not that for
which it was originally intended.
Other archways or gateways—
in Whitehall, for instance—have
vanished altogether.

Ruskin may have thought
Hardwick's Euston Arch unsuit-
able for an entrance to a railway
station, but other contemporaries
acclaimed it as "the grandest
specimen of Grecian architecture
perhaps existing in England,
which is almost saying, in other
words, that it is the grandest of
all English gateways." But it is
not much use being grand in a
utilitarian age if you also look
silly. And if it be erected some-
where else, what use is likely to
be made of it? An arch through
which nothing ever passes is
pathetic.

DELICATE SITUATION PERSISTS IN EUROPE

Czechs Make No Move To Withdraw Troops

STRIKE RIOTS IN JAMAICA: POLICE FIRE

Kingston (Jamaica), To-day.

Two onlookers were killed when police opened fire in order to clear the streets of demonstrators and waterfront strikers yesterday.

Two Labour leaders have been arrested.

A proclamation issued by the Governor says that if it is necessary, the military will be employed to protect property and individuals.

The proclamation adds that the Government is ready to consider the establishment of a conciliatory board provided the strikers return to work.

The tension continues.—Reuter.

ATTEMPT TO KIDNAP LORD NUFFIELD

LONDON, TO-DAY.

AN ATTEMPT WAS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN MADE TO KIDNAP LORD NUFFIELD LAST EVENING.

Lord Nuffield was working late in his office at the Cowley works at Oxford when a large saloon car halted in front of the office.

Two men entered the office and allegedly ordered Lord Nuffield to enter the car.

Mr. Kennerley Rumford, husband of the late Dame Clara Butt and a friend of Lord Nuffield, who was in the adjoining room, heard voices and dashed to the telephone and summoned the police.

The police surrounded the building and took the two men to the police station.—Reuter.

Further Alleged Firing On Sudeten Germans

Prague, To-day.

There is no disposition on the part of the Czech Government at present to withdraw the troops from the frontier.

Their number and whereabouts are a strictly guarded military secret, and it is generally realised that the Government has despatched as few troops as they considered possible.

Meanwhile, while the conversations between Premier Hodza and the Sudeten Deutsch leaders are stated to be progressing favourably, there is no concrete evidence that a lasting settlement is near.

In Berlin, says a message from the German capital, the early editions of the morning newspapers are filled with detailed long reports of frontier incidents which occurred at the week-end.

The reports also give the impression of great military activity on the part of the Czechs.—Reuter.

Prague, To-day.

At the West Bohemian town of Elbogen, another incident occurred when, on their way home late at night, three organisers belonging to the Sudeten German Party were fired upon by a Czech military guard.

As the three men were approaching a bridge, over which they had to pass to reach their homes, they thought they heard a noise nearby as if a rifle trigger had been clicked on and being pulled back.

No kind of challenge was given.

BULLET GOES WIDE

Fearing that the guard might have made ready to shoot, the

three Sudeten Germans turned back, but just as they did so, the soldier fired. In the darkness, the bullet flew wide; so no harm was done.

The district management of the Sudeten German Party was informed of the incident and immediately lodged a report with the State police and after having consulted the district leader, Herr Wollner, raised a protest with the district authorities.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE PROTEST TO BRITAIN

London, To-day.

It is learned that a copy of the Japanese protest regarding the statement of the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs in the House of Commons has now been received from Tokyo and at present is being considered in London.

Mr. Butler, it will be recalled, made a statement on atrocities by the Japanese navy following the capture of Amoy.—Reuter.

CHINESE SILVER COINS OUT OF HOARDING

London, To-day.

£10,000,000 worth of Chinese silver coins, of fifty different dates and denominations, and numbering about 40,000,000 are now being packed into the vaults of one of the London banks for shipment to the United States, according to the "Manchester Guardian."

The coins had been lying for hundreds of years in the treasuries of mandarins and provincial governors, and were sent to London from China in baskets woven in rushes for replacement by gold.—Reuter.

Admiral Sir Percy Noble Investigating Trading Conditions On Yangtse

London, To-day.

It is understood that the question of trading conditions on the Yangtse have recently been occupying the attention of the British authorities.

Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble, commander-in-chief of the China Squadron, has just completed a tour of Yangtse waters, made with a view to examining the position, and his report and recommendations are now awaited in London.

It is understood that some irregularities have crept into the agreement concluded with Japan last September, and consequently the investigation by the commander-in-

chief was instituted. Suggestions, however, that Britain may in future escort her merchant vessels on the Yangtse, appear to be inaccurate.—Reuter.

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Japan Dropping Out Of World Markets

London, To-day.

One of the causes of the extremely disadvantageous decline in commodity prices is the Sino-Japanese war, declared Mr. Oliver Stanley, President of the Board of Trade, in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Stanley thought the war had a much greater effect on commodity prices and world trade than was fully realised by people in Britain.

"China, in a period of two or three years, provided an increasing market for British export goods, and many of us, impressed by the new life and organisation in China, by the greater security and prospects and by the rising standard of life, were looking to this immense market as a possible solution to many of the export difficulties of Britain and other countries.

"The effect of the war upon hopes of that kind have been both immediate and disastrous.

"Cotton imports to Japan in the first quarter of 1938 compared with last year have fallen from Y354,400,000 to Y73,700,000."—Reuter.

RECALL OF THE GERMAN CHINA ADVISERS

Berlin, To-day.

Recall of the German military advisers from China was first mentioned here yesterday by the newspaper "Dienst aus Deutschland," which gives the number of the advisers as "about twenty."

They are, according to this report, private persons who are no longer on active military service and are consequently not under disciplinary control of the German military authorities.

The paper says that the presence of these advisers in China after the outbreak of the Far Eastern conflict had been considered undesirable in Berlin, "because Germany does not wish that a shadow of doubt should be cast on her neutrality."

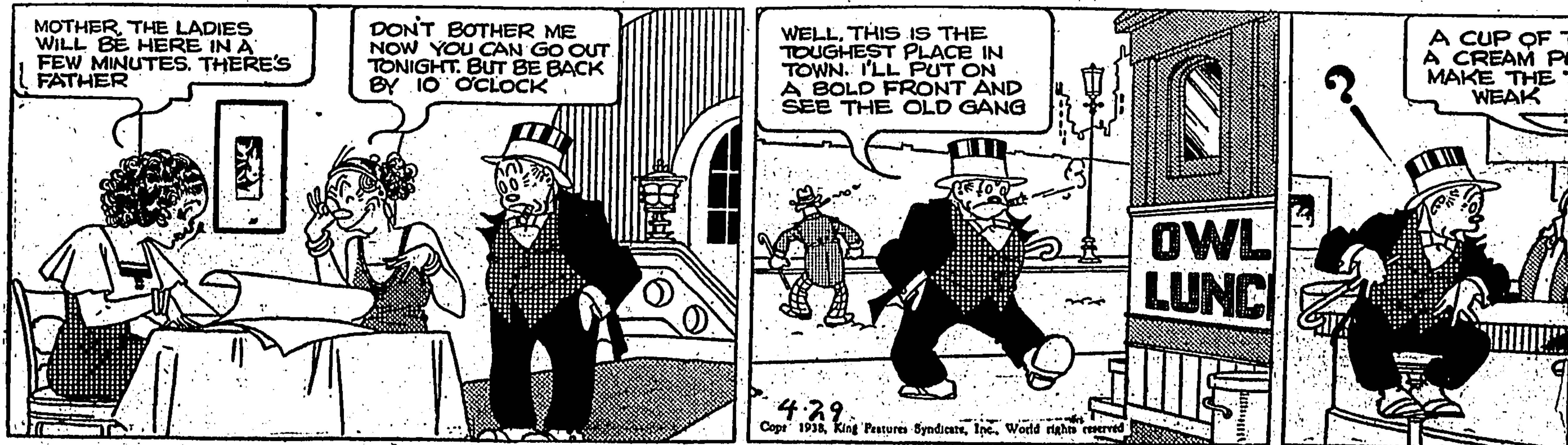
After stressing the absolutely neutral position adopted by Germany in the Sino-Japanese war the paper declares that Germany maintains equally friendly relations with China and Japan.—Trans-Ocean.

POOTUNG PROTEST

Hankow, To-day.

As a protest against the imposition of a new tax on meat by the Pootung bogus government, all meat shops in that region have suspended business since Monday, a Shanghai report states.—Central News.

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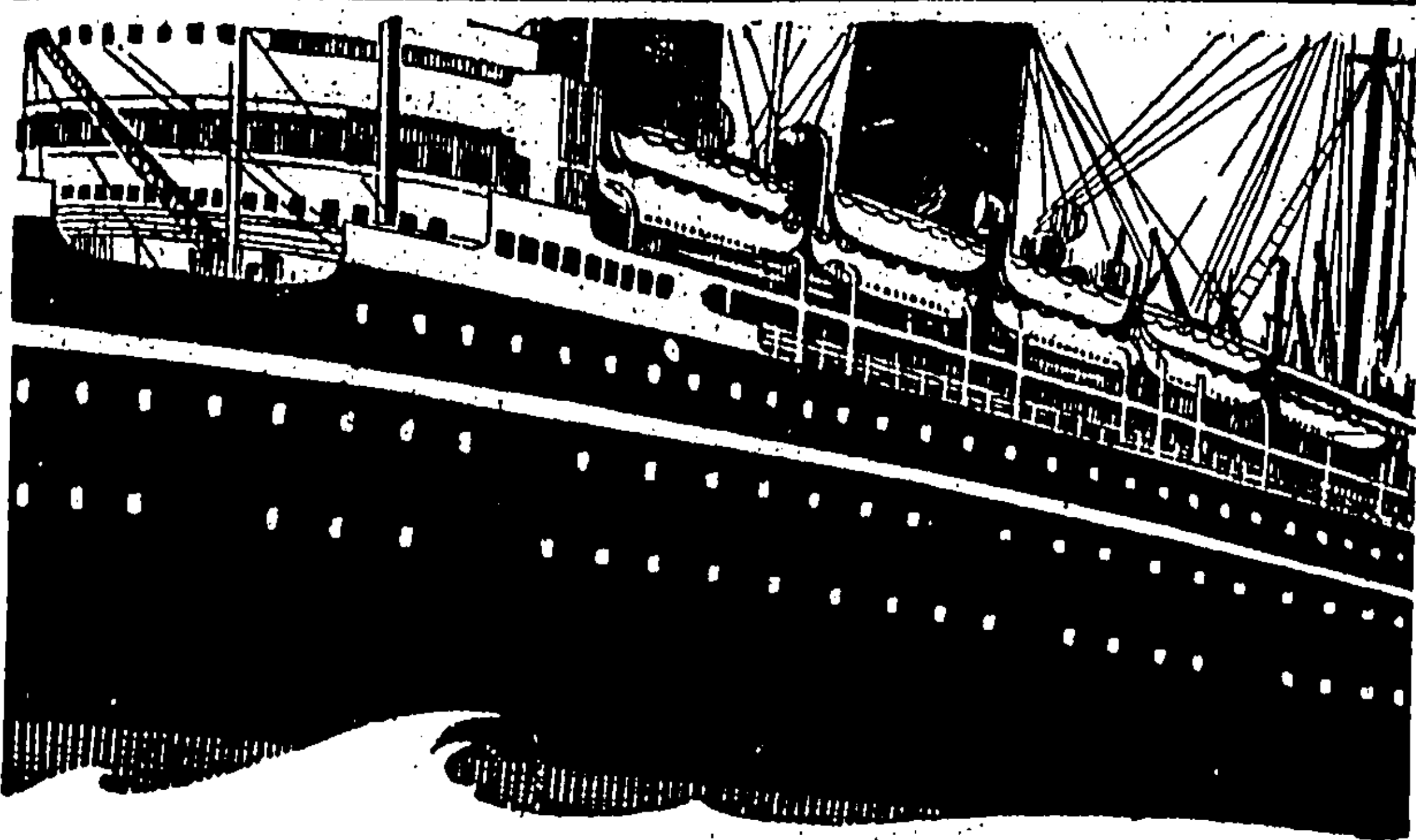
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Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 22nd May.	Imperial Airways Plane	May 27.

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Straits	Van Heutsz	May 25, 5 p.m.
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	Ord.,	May 26, 6 a.m.
Wednesday		
Samshui and Wuchow	Chung On	Thur., May 26, 8.15 a.m.
Sandakan	Tai Seun Hong	Thur., May 26, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Rajputana	Thur., May 26, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, *Shanghai and Tientsin	Fooshing	Thur., May 26, 12.30 p.m.
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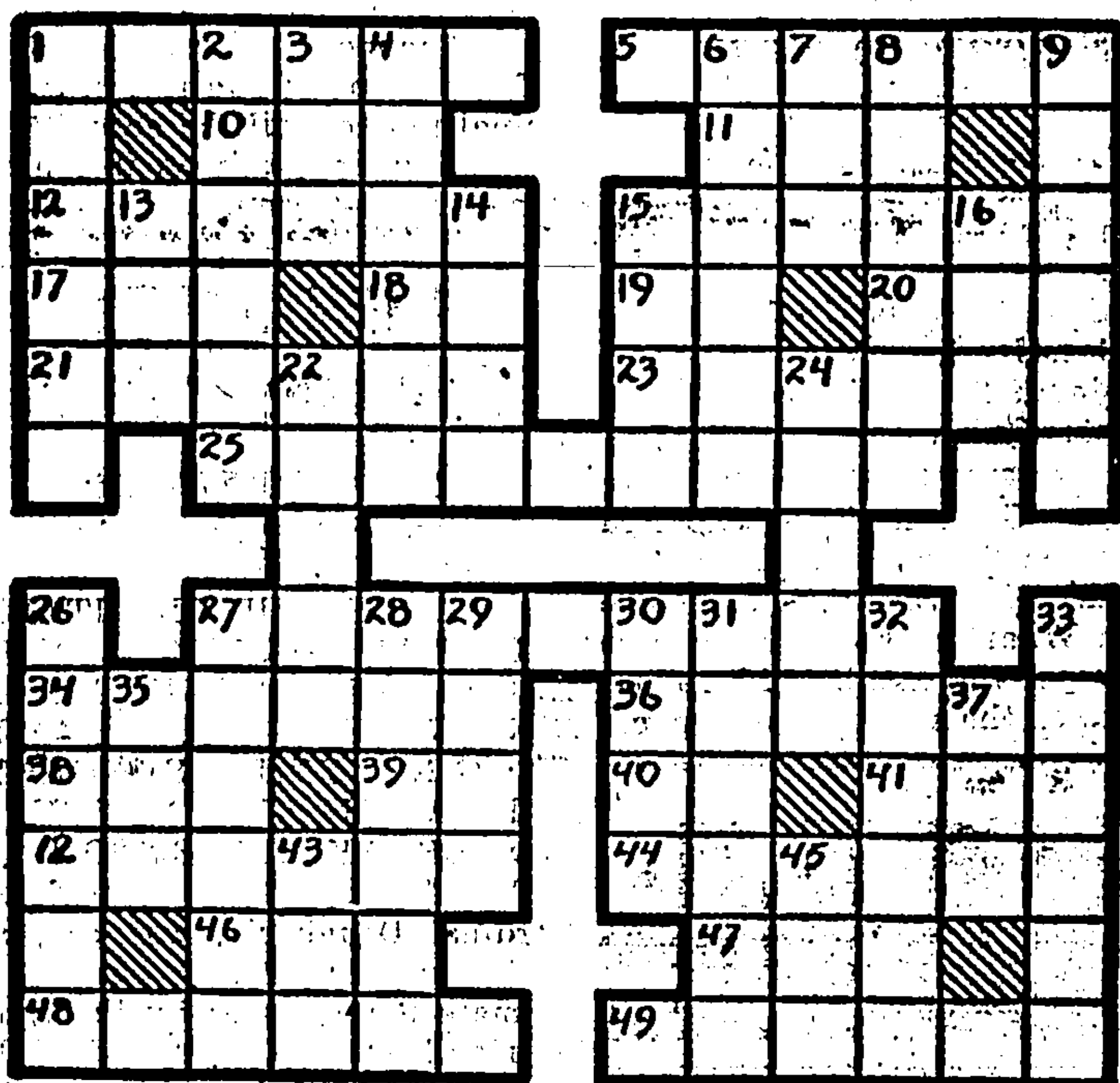
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 17-United
 18-Prefix, Backward
 19-Preposition
 20-Crude metal
 21-Peaceable
 22-Ascended
 25-To make black
 27-One-tenth of a gram (abbr.)
 34-Unprofitable
 36-A firm
 38-A falsehood
 39-Royal Navy (abbr.)
 40-Exists

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

41-Consumes
 42-Proverbs
 44-Seaport in E. Scotland
 46-A church official (abbr.)
 47-Fish eggs
 48-Picture supports
 49-Repaired

VERTICAL

1-An anchorite
 2-Examined
 3-Decay
 4-Drug-used to contract pupil of eye
 6-Girl's name
 7-S. W. State of United States (abbr.)
 8-Composure

VERTICAL (Cont.)

9-Quiet
 13-Ever (contr.)
 14-Prefix, Tenth
 15-Heavenly body
 16-Before
 22-Not at any time
 24-Entries in an account
 26-On fire
 27-Fears
 28-Pertaining to edible grain
 29-Taverns
 30-To invade
 31-Give confidence to
 32-Planted
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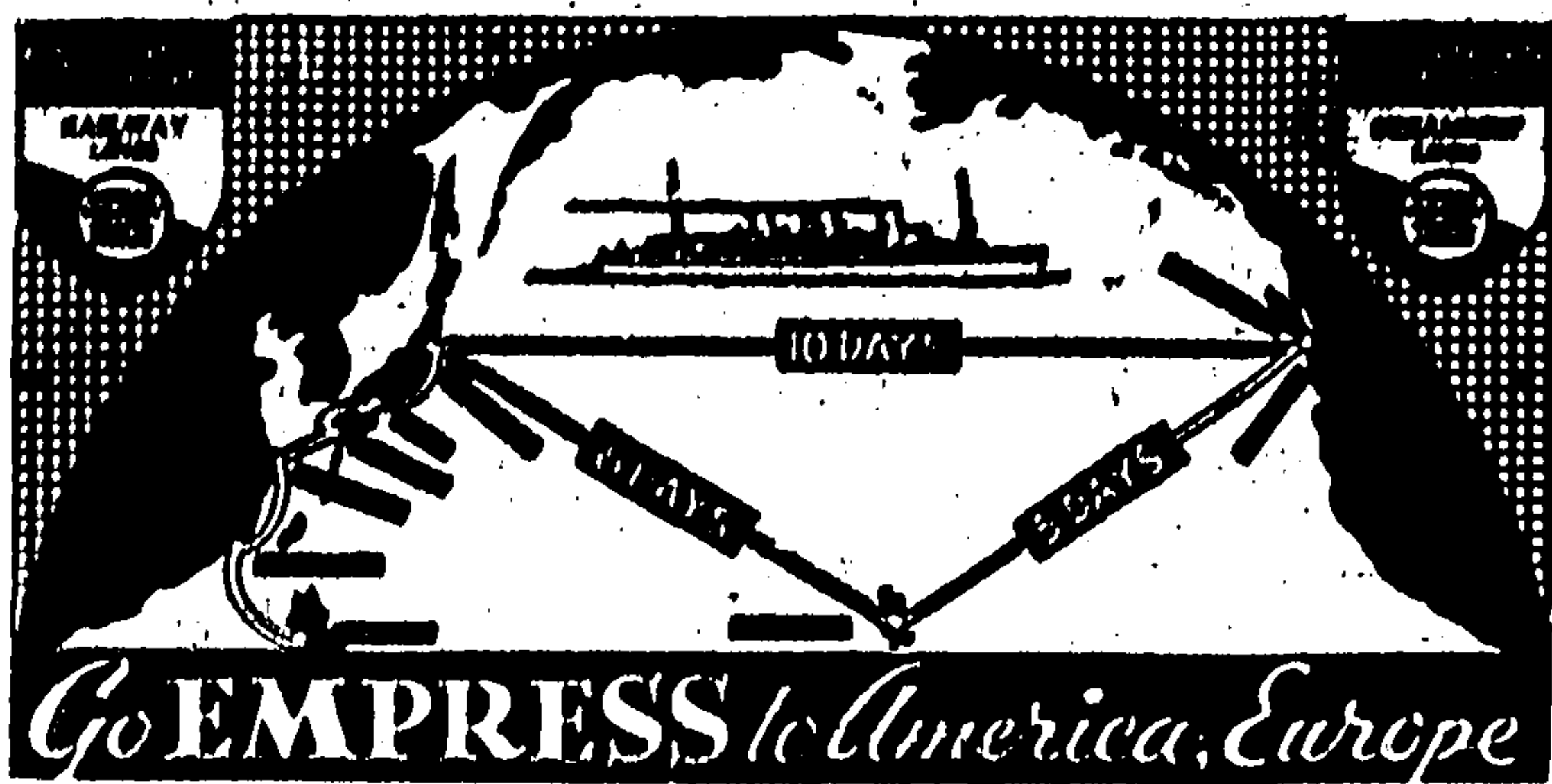
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BRITAIN'S HUGE NAVAL PROGRAMME

London, To-day.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, stated in a speech in Liverpool yesterday that the present British naval rearmament had assumed dimensions not previously known in time of peace.

Britain, apart from capital ships, is now building over half a million tons of warships, namely:
 17 cruisers,
 19 submarines,
 31 destroyers
 and a number of smaller craft.

NAVY'S TASK

The latest events had convinced the military experts, continued Mr. Shakespeare, that aeroplanes alone could not assure a victory but that the main task fell to the navy.

In conclusion Mr. Shakespeare explained that a plan has already been drawn up for convoys for cargo-boats on the principal trade routes, the conversion of old cruisers into special ships for defence against air attacks and finally increasing size and strengthening of destroyers.—Trans-Ocean.

TREASURY RETURNS

London, To-day.

The Exchequer returns show that total ordinary revenue amounts to £84,511,039 compared with £90,511,039 at the corresponding date last year. Total ordinary expenditure is £124,381,695 compared with £109,260,984 at the corresponding date of 1937.—British Wireless.

Singapore Raw Rubber

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co., have received the following quotations in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

July/Sept. 19-3/4 b. Up 1/4.
 Oct/Dec. 19-1/2 b. Up 1/2.
 Jan/March 20 b. Up 1/4.
 Market: Quiet.

The s.s. "Gneisenau" is expected to arrive on Sunday, the 29th inst. at 6 a.m. She will berth alongside Kowloon Wharf and will leave here for Europe via Manila, Singapore and ports on the same day at 8 p.m.

IMPORTANT FRENCH DECREES

Paris, To-day.

A second batch of decrees, signed by the Council of Ministers and the President, M. Lebrun, yesterday, may be classified into five groups.

1. The first group comprises the programme and financing of public works. Total expenditure of 11 milliards francs on works lasting 2½ years is envisaged and includes the building of harbours and shipping routes.

2. The improvement of roads,

3. The building of hospitals and schools,

4. The improvement of living accommodation in the country and in particular construction of workers' dwellings.

5. Measures concerning local and State finance.

The first group also deals with credits and loans of municipalities.

The second group comprises the extension of credit for trade and industry especially medium term credits for small manufacturers and small businessmen. Altogether three milliards are earmarked for this purpose.

AMALGAMATIONS

The third group embodies all economic measures for increasing export, for the development of colonies and the improvement of agriculture. To stimulate exports, the Government has decided to promote certain amalgamations in industry and trade and to make the extension of certain suitable industries its goal. These groups will be privileged with easier taxation.

The fourth group deals with social measures including new regulation of the 40-hour week and 200-hour a year basis.

The fifth and last group consists of measures concerning local and State finance.

The scheme of the reform of municipal finance will be submitted to the Cabinet as soon as it reassembles.—Trans-Ocean.

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS DIGNITARIES

BUDAPEST, TO-DAY:

HIGH CHURCH DIGNITARIES WHO WILL TAKE PART IN THE EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS BEGINNING HERE TO-DAY, ARRIVED IN THE HUNGARIAN CAPITAL IN THE COURSE OF YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

The Archbishop of Philadelphia, Cardinal Dougherty, was ceremoniously received at the station by Primate Seredy, also by the Syrian Patriarch of Antioch, Cardinal Tappani and the Archbishop of St. Louis, Cardinal Glennon, who arrived by the same train.

The three were then accompanied to the Ofen Palace by the Primate where they will be the guests of Primate Seredy during the congress.

The Vatican Secretary of State, Cardinal Pacelli, was welcomed by the Foreign Minister, Dr. von Kanya and the Lord Mayor yesterday.—Trans-Ocean.

RECRUITING

London, To-day.

Recruits to the regular army in London last week were more than three times the number in the corresponding week last year—137 against 42.—British Wireless.

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LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

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Hong Kong Bank \$1500 b.
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INSURANCES
Union Ins. \$518 b., \$520 sa.
SHIPPING
H. K. Steamboats \$22½ b.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.
H. K. and K. Wharves \$137 sa.
H. K. Docks (Rights) \$10¼ s.
Providents (Old) \$3½ b., \$3.50/55 sa.
Providents (New) \$3.40 b.
MINING
Venz: Goldfield \$2.60 b.
Antamoks Ps. 41½ sa.
Benguat Consol. Ps. 48½ sa.
Baguio Gold Ps. 9.30 sa.
Coco Grove Ps. .0035 sa.
Consolidated Mines Ps. .26½ sa.
Demonstrations Ps. .62 sa.
I. X. L. Ps. .15 sa.
Paracale Gumaus Ps. 43½ sa.
Suyoc Consol. Ps. .31 sa.
LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.
H. K. and S. Hotels \$6.80 b., \$6.85 sa.
H. K. Lands 4% Debentures 101 b.
PUBLIC UTILITIES
H. K. Tramways \$16¼ b., \$16.80/85 sa.
Peak Trams (Old) \$7 b.
H. K. Electrics \$60½ sa.
Macao Electrics \$17¼ b.
INDUSTRIALS
Cements \$17 b., \$17.15 sa.
MISCELLANEOUS
Constructions \$1½ b.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/- 3/10 b.

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The Directors of the Peak Tramways Company, Limited, will recommend the following allocation of profits for the year ended 30th April, 1938, at the forthcoming Annual Meeting of Shareholders:—
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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 10th June or they will not be recognised.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 26th May at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

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PUBLIC WORKS PLANS FOR RECOVERY

Paris, To-day.
Conversion of £61,000,000 over a two-year period and £50,000,000 over a ten-year period for public works throughout France and her overseas possessions, is made in the second batch of recovery decree laws signed by President Albert Lebrun.

The decrees also provide credit facilities and low interest as a fillip to trade and industry, concessions to exporters, modification of the 40-hour week and strengthening of colonial defences.

There will also be additional credit facilities to aid colonial production.—Reuter.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2-13/16.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London yesterday at 18-11/16 and forward at 18-3/16.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.95.31 and the New York on London rate at £—U.S.\$4.94-9/16.

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FISHLOCK'S AMAZING BATTING

BRITISH OPEN GOLF TITLE

London, April 26.
The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, the controlling body, has announced that owing to the inundation by the sea in February, and the subsequent drought, the Deal golf course will be unfit for play in the Open championship, beginning on July 4.

The club is making arrangements to hold the championship on another course, probably at Sandwich.

JOHNNY GOODMAN MAKES PROGRESS

British Amateur Golf Championship

Tron, To-day.

In the Second Round of the British Amateur Golf Championship, which is being held here, Johnny Goodman, the American Amateur Champion, beat Ray Billows, by 4 and 2, both these players being members of the visiting U. S. Walker Cup team.

Strangely enough they met in the final of the American Amateur Championship two years ago when Goodman was also successful.

A. W. Briscoe, of Castle Erea, beat Marvin Ward, another American Walker Cup player, at the 20th. —Reuter.

ITALY ELIMINATE POLAND FROM DAVIS CUP

Milan, To-day.

Italy yesterday eliminated Poland from the Davis Cup Competition by 3 matches to 2. —Reuter.

93 Out Of 104 For 1 v. Australians!

KENT'S HUGE SCORE AGAINST WORCESTER

London, To-day.

One of the most remarkable batting feats in First-Class cricket matches this season is credited to L. B. Fishlock, the Surrey professional, who gave no uncertain demonstration that the Australian bowling can be hit.

In Surrey's second innings, this brilliant batsman flogged all the bowling to such good effect that out of a total of 103 for 1 at stumps, he had credited to him no fewer than 93 and was singularly unfortunate to just miss scoring the second century of the season against the Tourists.

At close of play on Monday, Surrey had scored 269 for 8, Barling and Gregory each being not out with 67 and 60, respectively. Neither of these batsmen met with any success yesterday and the innings realised only an additional 2 runs.

For some extraordinary reason, Bradman elected to bat again and with substantial contributions from Badcock and wicket-keeper Barnett, a declaration was made at 232 for 2. Thanks to Fishlock, Surrey were never in any danger of defeat.

Yorkshire had much the better of their game with Sussex but continual rain yesterday washed out any possibility of a definite result.

MIDDLESEX IN FORM

Middlesex continue to show fine form and they trounced Notts at Lords. The batting of Edrich (245) completely overshadowed any other performance in this match, although Hardstaffe, who totalled 157 in his two innings for once out, battled pluckily for Notts.

Glamorgan scored their second successive victory, this time at the

expense of Hampshire who went down by 7 wickets. Chiefly responsible for the Welsh county's win was veteran J. C. Clay, who took 12 wickets in the course of the game for 147 runs.

BIG SCORE

One of the biggest county scores of the season was registered by Kent against weak Worcestershire. They amassed no fewer than 602 for 7 dec. to which Fagg, Chalk and Valentine all contributed centuries.

Kent, however, left their declaration too late and Worcester, after scoring over 300 in their first innings easily held out till stumps.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

At Leicester, Leicestershire beat Warwickshire by 4 wickets.

Warwick—112 (Flamson 5 for 33) and 395 for 8 dec. (Dollery 127 not out).

Leicestershire—349 (Geary 116 not out) and 160 for 6.

At Cardiff, Glamorgan beat Hampshire by 7 wickets.

Hampshire—310 (J. C. Clay 6 for 76) and 253 (Clay 6 for 71).

Glamorgan—488 for 8 dec. (Dyson 149) and 76 for 3.

At Dudley, Kent beat Worcestershire on the first innings.

Kent—602 for 7 dec. (Fagg 134, F. G. H. Chalk 167, B. H. Valentine 100).

Worcestershire—308 and 101 for 2.

OTHER MATCHES

At the Oval, Surrey drew with the Australian Tourists.

Australians—528 (D. G. Bradman 143, W. A. Brown 96, A. L. Hassett 98) and 232 for 2 dec. (C. L. Badcock 95, J. Barnett 120 not out).

Surrey—271 (Gregory 60; Barling 67) and 104 for 1 (Fishlock 93).

EARLIER RESULTS

At Manchester, Lancashire beat Northamptonshire by an innings and 57 runs.

Lancashire—322.

Northants—98 (Pollard 6 for 31) and followed on 167 (Pollard 4 for 43).

At Derby, Derbyshire beat Somersetshire by 8 wickets.

Somerset—158 (George Pope 5 for 41) and 200 (Buse 104).

Derbyshire—297 and 64 for 2.

At Lord's, Middlesex beat Nottinghamshire by an innings and 51 runs.

Middlesex—474 (Edrich 245; Butler 6 for 75).

Nottinghamshire—291 (Hardstaffe 105) and 123 (Hardstaffe 52 not out; Sims 7 for 55).

At Leeds, Yorkshire beat Sussex on the first innings.

Sussex—260 (Bowes 6 for 39) and 115 for 8.

Yorkshire—401 (Hutton 107).

TO-DAY'S MATCHES

Lord's—Middlesex v. Worcestershire.

Oval—Surrey v. Gloucestershire.

Southampton—Hampshire v. Australians.

Ilkeston—Derbyshire v. Lancashire.

Taunton—Somerset v. Sussex.

Cambridge—The University v. Essex.

Oxford—The University v. Glamorgan.

"REVIEWER'S" SPORTS COMMENTARY

Baseball Is More Popular Now

THE Local Baseball League, although only a few weeks old, has reached a very interesting stage and it would be difficult at this juncture to nominate with any degree of certainty the ultimate winners of the championship, though it is generally conceded that the Chinese have the best chance. The extraordinary thing about the League is the dearth of good pitchers. There is not a team in the League which can boast of a mound expert except perhaps the Hong Kong Baseball Club, who have Madigan, but his inability to play in every game has greatly ruined their hopes for the season.

The Portuguese team fully extended the Chinese and the Volunteers narrowly lost to the Indians during the week-end, and both these teams are well able to upset calculations.

There is no doubt that the game is getting popular in the Colony. Teams have been formed in different schools, and games have been arranged, while one has only to visit the side streets of the Colony to find youngsters playing the game with improvised bat and ball.

Sports dealers have up to the present only stocked the best of gear and balls, but it is understood that future orders will include a lower grade quality as the demand for gear this season has been greater than for many seasons.

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Also A Witty Speaker

IT was noticeable from reports in home papers, that the King in the message he sent to the Australian Cricketers, which was read at the Institute of Journalists' Lunch, on April 22, used the same phrase as Mr. Malcolm MacDonald in the Dominions Office telegram of welcome. He spoke of an "enjoyable" tour, without entering the realm of partisanship by using the term "successful."

Major Astor, the President of the M.C.C., skated skilfully on the same thin ice by remarking that while we wanted to win back the Ashes he wished the Australians "a full measure of individual success with bat and ball."

Lord Baldwin in his letter was more blunt. "You can't expect me to wish you to win," he wrote, "but in every other way I hope you will have a successful tour."

To his renown as the most attractive batsman Australia has produced for many years Mr. Don Bradman added kudos as a witty after-lunch speaker.

I liked his description of a match the Australians played at San Francisco "in a stadium that held 50,000 spectators." Drily Mr. Bradman remarked that there were quite 500 to see the game. Eighteen locals made 22 in the first innings and 19 in the second. The Australians scored 256 for the loss of one wicket "quite by accident."

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Golf v. Anno Domini

BY going round Moore Park in 67, three days before his 70th birthday, Sandy Herd joins the select company of golfers who have done a round in fewer strokes than the years of their age.

It is extremely rare for such a feat to be performed on a full-length course, and most claims to have accomplished it are based on a net score—that is, after deducting the player's handicap.

The late Lord Lurgan was one of the few who almost accomplished it. At the age of 77 he went round Addington in 77—one less than bogey. It was at Addington, too, that Mr. Abercromby, founder of that club, handed in a net score of 63 when he was 65.

Moore Park already has pleasant associations for Sandy Herd. Of the 19 occasions on which he has holed out in one, two were on this course.

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AUSTRALIANS WELL EQUIPPED

White's Spinners Should Reap Rich Harvest Of Wickets

Fingleton And Hassett Will Do Well

Sydney.

ON almost the eve of the Test matches against England there is much speculation as to how the Australians will fare under the conditions to be experienced in the Old Country. Although many here are of the opinion that the team could well do with Grimmett and Oldfield in its ranks to achieve the best possible results. I consider that the team will go from success to success.

A GLANCE AT ITS PERSONNEL AND POSSIBILITIES UNDER THE CONDITIONS TO BE FACED, SHOULD CONVINCE ALL OF ITS POTENTIAL WORTH, AND I PERCEIVE THE BRADMAN TOUCH IN MANY SELECTIONS. OUR TEAM IS ADMIRABLY EQUIPPED FOR ENGLISH CONDITIONS.

This is, in my opinion, a powerful batting array, three fine spin bowlers, a left-hand spin bowler, and a young and brilliant fielding combination. I discount to a great extent fast and medium bowling, as on the slower wickets it is not so dangerous or effective as in Australia. But the main essentials for our success are there.

Look at our batting strength: Bradman, McCabe, Fingleton, Brown, Badcock, Barnes, Hassett, Chipperfield and Waite. Also, Barnett and Walker are by no means "rabbits." Led by O'Reilly our spin attack is second to none. Fleetwood-Smith and Ward both being fine exponents and suited by the English conditions.

Probably our greatest asset in this department is, however, White, who should reap a rich harvest of wickets on the tour. On pitches lending themselves to spin, he turns the ball venomously. Should we strike a wet summer we need have no fears, with this bowler at our command, as he will prove even more effective than Verity or any other bowlers in England.

McCormick and Waite will be most useful, and while the former will provide the shock attack for an over or so, I expect the latter to be our real stock bowler, and he should, with his late swing and nip from the wicket, be fairly successful.

SPIN THAT COUNTS

But I am not relying too much on this type of attack for our success generally in this sphere, as it is spin, plus more spin, that counts in England. We have only to look at the success achieved by our spin bowlers on previous tours to be convinced of this fact.

The latest example in this regard was in 1934 when O'Reilly, Fleetwood-Smith and Grimmett each took over 100 wickets on the English pitches, and the latter has done so on his every tour of England.

LAST LEFT-HANDER

The last left-hand spin bowler to visit England with our team was Hornibrook, and he, although not bowling in his top form, secured 120 wickets. What Ironmonger would have done at "home" can only be imagined, but I consider he would have taken in the vicinity of 200 wickets.

We are, as you can see, most admirably equipped in spin bowling on this occasion, and with such a young and brilliant fielding combination to lend adequate support—Fingleton, Bradman



and Chipperfield leading in this direction—we should obtain wonderful results.

EIGHT NEWCOMERS

There is only one factor which may have a considerable effect on our team's performances, and that is acclimatisation of our new players. We have eight players, half the team, who will be making their first tour of England (Fingleton, Badcock, Hassett, Barnes, White, Waite, McCormick and Ward), and it is quite on the cards that a number of the batsmen mentioned will take some time to master the changed conditions.

The new bowlers will be admirably suited, but it is entirely different for a batsman.

BADCOCK'S SHORT COMING

For instance, it has been freely predicted by many that Badcock, one of our finest batsmen, will be a failure in England owing to his tendency to play at the pitch of the ball.

Certainly this would lead to his dismissal on many occasions on the more "turnable" pitches in England, but with a little study and practice it is possible that this young batsman can alter his batting technique to suit the conditions.

BARNES UNCERTAIN

We shall see, but I have no doubt as to Fingleton's success, his whole game being moulded on back-play and careful watching of the turn of the ball. Hassett should also do well, being a particularly fine back-foot player, but Barnes is not so certain. His keenness and youthful enthusiasm should, however, enable him to master conditions and develop his on-side play.

In any event, for a Test we only require one out of Badcock, Hassett and Barnes to be in form and our

WEETAMOE OFFERED TO MR. SOPWITH

NEW YORK, APRIL 23.—MR. T. O. M. SOPWITH, THE BRITISH CHALLENGER FOR THE AMERICA'S CUP LAST YEAR, HAS BEEN SENT A CABLE ASKING IF HE WISHES TO BUY THE WEETAMOE, TRIAL HORSE OF AMERICA'S CUP RACE CONTENDERS.



batting array is imposing. Fingleton, Brown, Bradman, McCabe, say Badcock then Chipperfield, Waite or White, Barnett, according to circumstances.

For instance, White could take Waite's place should rain be in the offing. Certainly our young batsmen will have to alter their Australian tactics and watch the ball more closely, but the majority have the ability to do this.

ASHES SHOULD BE RETAINED

Thus we appear a most powerful force and assured of success not only on the tour as a whole, but in the Test series. It appears that we have the team to hold the Ashes so hard won by us in the 1936-37 series here; but cricket is a most uncertain game, and Australia should not be too confident.

Weather conditions have a lot to do with the winning or losing of Test matches, particularly in England, and another factor is that the hours of play have been shortened in these fixtures on the coming tour. More than one draw seems assured, and it may be that the good fortune that goes hand in hand with cricket will decide the issue in the Tests that are completed.

BRADMAN'S GENIUS

We must not readily forget that England came within an ace of defeating us by a comfortable margin here in the last series, and it was only Bradman's genius that eventually turned the scales in our favour.

A most powerful batting array can be fielded against us in the Test matches, perhaps even more powerful than ours, but I think we will have a definite advantage in the bowling sphere, our spin bowlers, with O'Reilly as the spearhead, being far more powerful than anything England can put into the field.

TOKYO MUNICIPAL VOTE FOR 1940 OLYMPIC GAMES

Tokyo, To-day.

The municipal council here yesterday unanimously voted 23 million Yen for the Olympic Games of 1940.

The amount will go to swell the funds with which the swimming stadium, the main stadium, the Olympic village, the running track, the Gymnastic Hall and the training field are to be built, all of which will cover 110 acres.

The work will begin in October and will be completed before 1940. —Trans-Ocean.

In the last Test series, played in Australia, England's great reliance was on her fast bowlers, Allen, Voce and Farnes, but I do not anticipate their success on the slower wickets in England.

SIMS AND GODDARD

Sims and Goddard appear as our greatest obstacles, but we hold an advantage as our batsmen are considerably faster-footed than the Englishmen and, therefore, can cope with this type of bowling more effectively.

I shall be tremendously surprised if our team fails to do extremely well, also if it does not meet with



success in the Test series, but perhaps our prospects depend to a large degree on the form of that genius of the bat, Don Bradman.

THE BRADMAN HABIT

He has acquired a habit of winning Tests off his own bat, but we cannot expect this to go on forever. As captain of Australia overseas for the first time, Bradman is bound to make a big effort to bring back the Ashes, so many three-figure scores, some running into the second and third century, are likely.

England should however, take a leaf out of Australia's book and pin her faith in youth in the big matches, in which event I consider her chances of success will be considerably improved.

The outlook for bright cricket, and exciting matches, is decidedly promising, and I anticipate many a surprise ere the tour is over.

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AUSTRALIAN TENNIS VICTORY

Devastating Play By
Miss Wynne

SEN. LIZANA WELL BEATEN

London, April 28.

Miss Nancy Wynne, of the Australian women's tennis team, startled the spectators by devastating play against Senorita Anita Lizana, of Chile, whom she beat, 6-1, 7-5, in a quarter-final of the women's singles, in the British hardcourt championships at Bournemouth to-day.

Miss Thelma Coyne, of Australia, was beaten in straight sets by Miss M. C. Scriven.

Throughout her match, Miss Wynne held the large crowd enraptured by her easy style and smooth,



powerful drives, revealing perfectly-controlled speed.

SPEEDED UP PLAY

Senorita Lizana was below form early, Miss Wynne losing only the second game in the first set. Senorita Lizana fought hard in the second set. Miss Wynne established a lead of 4-1, but from that point the most dramatic play of the tournament was seen.

Senorita Lizana achieved better control than did Miss Wynne, and speeded up the play, winning four successive games. After that, Miss Wynne levelled at 5-5, scored a love game to make it 6-5, and took the set after a terrific struggle in the last game. It is generally considered that Miss Wynne out-played Senorita Lizana in all departments of the game.

Miss Coyne erred frequently against the steadiness of Miss Scriven.

MISS BARTON HAS REVENGE ON MRS. GARON

(By "ELEANOR E. HELME")

London, April 22.

SURREY beat Essex twice yesterday over the East Course at Wentworth—by 4-3 in the morning and 5-2 in the afternoon. It was a valuable addition to the holders' list of wins in the county championship, but more immediately interesting were the two matches between Miss Pam Barton and Mrs. Garon. In all the previous encounters they have had the elder golfer has won; she kept up that record by beating Miss Barton at the 20th hole in the morning, but Miss Barton had her revenge in the afternoon, when she won by 3 and 1.

Both played really high-class golf, Miss Barton's the more spectacular, Mrs. Garon's the more finished, and better ball scores in the morning were 70 for 18 holes and in the afternoon 65 for 17.

Miss Barton's was, indeed, the best golf she has played so far this season in a single. She played some excellent shots out of bunkers near the hole, and ran down the ensuing putts.

In the afternoon Mrs. Garon won the first hole, but lost three out of the next four, the fifth because Miss Barton, whose high pitches were effective all day, put one of them close to the hole and sank the putt for a birdie three.

BRILLIANT RECOVERY

The Essex player got back the sixth, but Miss Barton made a brilliant recovery to win the eighth and turned two up. Mrs. Garon won the 10th in three, and at the long 11th played one of the best shots that anyone could hope to play—a long brassie with intentional pull which curled into the green, which had been slightly masked by trees on the left.

This master shot was practically wasted by three putts, but she got a half, and won the next by sinking a four-yard putt for a two with Miss Barton's tee shot lying a good deal nearer the hole than that.

That squared the match at long last, but Miss Barton's extra carry made her able to take the shorter route to the 13th, which she won in a fine four. Three putts overtook Mrs. Garon at the 15th, and Miss Barton finished the match by getting dead out of a bunker at the 17th.

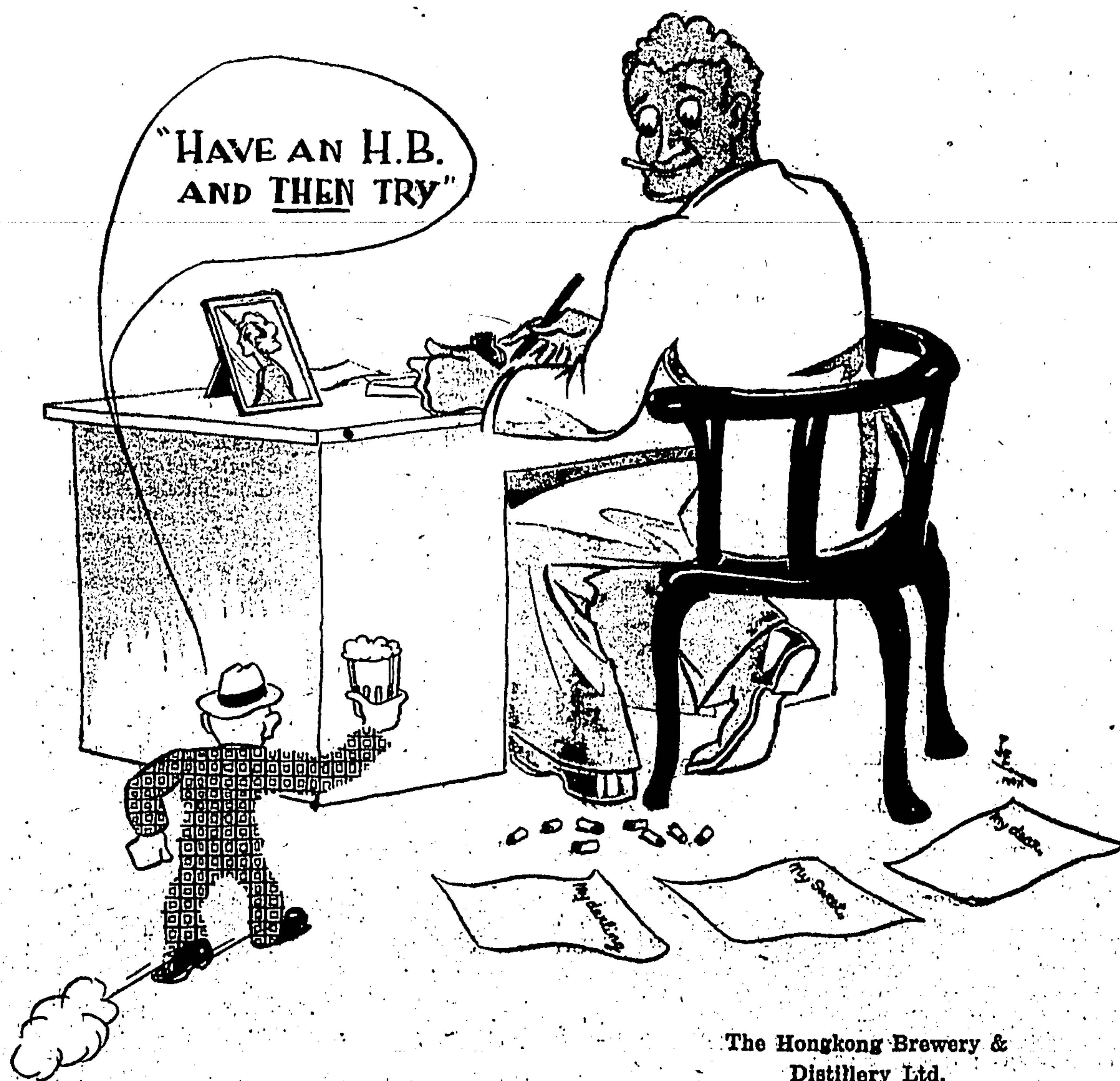
RECREIO BOWLS TEAMS FOR SATURDAY

The following rinks have been selected to represent Club De Recreio in the Lawn Bowls League next Saturday:—

1st Div. (Away) vs. P.R.C.
J. Luz, C. E. Marques, A. A. Remedios, and H. A. Alves (skip).
L. F. Xavier, D. C. Alves, F. V. V. Ribeiro, and R. F. Luz (skip).
J. E. Noronha, J. F. V. Ribeiro, C. G. Silva, and F. X. M. Silva (skip).
2nd Div. (Home) vs. T.R.C.
F. A. Machado, C. A. Lopes, C. H. Basto, and J. J. Basto (skip).
C. C. Pereira, F. A. Xavier, Dr. A. P. Guterres, and B. Basto (skip).
L. A. Gutierrez, A. V. Barros, L. J. Silva, and F. X. Soares (skip).
3rd Div. (Home) vs. C.C.C.
J. C. Remedios, J. M. O. Sequeira, O. P. Remedios, and C. R. Pereira (skip).
A. M. Xavier, H. A. Botelho, J. M. S. Rosario, and E. Sousa (skip).
C. Vaz, C. M. Silva, M. A. Carvalho, and C. M. S. Alves (skip).



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NEW ZEALAND ANGLE ON RUGBY TOUR TO AUSTRALIA

Programme Looked Upon As Too Heavy

Wellington, April.

THE proposal of the N.S.W. Rugby Union in regard to the Australian tour of the All Blacks this winter is looked upon as too heavy by the N.Z.R.F.U. council, which suggests that the All Blacks leave Wellington on July 7, opening the tour at Melbourne on July 16.

EIGHT OTHER GAMES WOULD BE ARRANGED BY THE N.S.W.R.F.U., AND THE TEAM WOULD LEAVE SYDNEY FOR HOME ON AUGUST 15. AN EXTENSION OF ONE WEEK IS SOUGHT BY THE N.S.W.R.F.U.

The N.Z. Maori team will be sent to tour Fiji this winter, the side being away for 24 days in all. J. L. Sullivan, All Black centre and Taranaki captain, is apparently still being angled for by English League clubs, for another lucrative offer has been received by this player; so far Sullivan remains true to the Union code, although it has to be admitted that his style of play is eminently suited to the League game.

The N.Z.R.F.U. council has evolved a schedule in an endeavour to overcome the weaknesses evident in Dominion Rugby as a result of the tour by the Springboks.

The five points enumerated indicate very plainly to what depth New Zealand Rugby has fallen, and it is extremely doubtful if the recommendations made will solve the problem.

The cause lies deeper than the five points presented as a partial cure for the Dominion's Rugby doldrums.

COUNTER ATTRACTIONS

The truth of the matter is that the majority of players have to be driven into the game and to take it seriously, thanks to so many counter attractions, and the tendency to dodge hard training, which means hard work.

Here are the recommendations designed to improve the standard of Rugby football in New Zealand, and dealing with both playing and administrative aspects of the game.

(1) The International rules should be adopted, except that the present practice of replacing injured players should not be interfered with.

(2) The adoption of the 3-4-1 scrum, the basis of packing being low, with straight pushing.

(3) Alteration in the tactical play of the backs, mainly (a) the half-back to develop a longer pass from the scrum; (b) to stand alongside the opposing half when the latter is putting the ball in the scrum and on the opposing side getting possession, not to retire; (c) the first five-eights to stand farther from the scrum.

(4) That there should be held in the various centres frequent meetings of club coaches and captains for discussion of tactical and other methods of formation and play, particularly with the view to the general changes necessitated by the alteration in the scrum formation.

(5) That there should be made available for unions for display to club coaches, captains, and players and schools, copies of slow-motion film of the correct scrum packing, hooking, and passing.

AUCKLAND'S PROFIT

The advent of the Springboks meant much financially to the various New Zealand unions, the Auckland R.F.U., for instance, recording a profit of over £1100 on the season, mainly due to the share of the gate receipts of the two matches the South Africans played there.

Neither the Union nor League bodies appear to be very perturbed

TO-DAY'S TWO OPEN PAIRS ENCOUNTER

Two Postponed Games To Continue

Weather permitting, two Open Pairs, Lawn Bowls Championships encounters will be held to-day, as follows:—

At Kowloon C. C.

M. Ferguson and T. Coleman v. W. Campbell and A. Wright.

At H. K. Football Club

J. W. Leonard and J. R. Soares v. A. Castro and V. Atienza.

In addition two matches which were interrupted by rain last Monday, will be continued to-day. These two are:

A. Bakar and A. K. Minu 11 v. G. T. Padgett and L. de Rome 6.

(Sixth end completed)

A. J. Coelho and J. Pau 6 v. D. M. Khan and M. R. Abbas 5.

(Seventh end completed)

K.C.C. BOWLS TEAMS FOR NEXT SATURDAY

The following players will represent K.C.C. in their Lawn Bowls League fixture next Saturday:

1st Div. (Away) v. I.R.C.

W. Mulcahy, J. M. Brown, R. Craig, and E. Kern (skip).

A. E. Silkstone, T. A. Madar, H. Overy, and E. C. Fincher (skip).

W. Hyde, L. Jack, A. W. Smith, and J. Hyde (skip).

Reserve:—A. Jones.

3rd Div. (At Home) v. H.K.E.R.C.

A. J. Kew, C. J. Tacchi, W. W. Hirst, and J. Fraser (skip).

V. C. Labrum, W. T. French, J. M. Jack, and T. Carr (skip).

A. Dand, A. W. Ramsey, R. Marks, and H. Nish (skip).

Wappingshaw rinks will be arranged as usual for bowlers not taking part in League Games.

at the news that two Melbourne Australian Rules team will be visiting New Zealand this winter. This tour is very much in the air at present, but from what can be gathered, the arrangements for the tour are being gone on with, so it will probably eventuate. Australian Rules is practically unknown in the Dominion, but football enthusiasts are always keen to see something new, and they may have their curiosity satisfied next winter.

It is understood here that the Melbourne club sponsoring the idea of a New Zealand tour is St. Kilda, and another club is to accompany it, the cost of the three weeks' trip away from Melbourne being £1200 to each club.

BRITISH RUGBY TEAM CHANGES

Two more changes have been made in the British Rugby Union team to tour South Africa F. J. V. Ford (Army and Harlequins), three-quarter, and D. T. Kemp (Blackheath and England), forward, have had to decline their invitations.

Elvet Jones (Llanelli) has been asked to take the place of Ford; a successor to Kemp has not yet been invited.

H.K. JOCKEY CLUB CLASSIFICATION LIST ALTERATIONS

The following are the latest alterations and additions to the Hong Kong Jockey Club Classification Lists dated March 15, 1938:—

China Ponies:—Split Hand to "D"

FRENCH SWORD FENCING WIN

World Championship

Pystian, To-day.

Michel Pecheux, France, won the world championship in sword-fencing with eight victories and two defeats in the international fencing competitions at Pystian (Czechoslovakia) yesterday.

Mangioiretti, Italy, was second with seven victories and three defeats. Schmetz, France, and Regno, Italy, were even third and fourth, each winning five and losing four matches.—Trans-Ocean.

Class; Double Chance to "D" Class; Merry Doer to "E" Class; and Yum Sing to "E" Class.

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12.30 p.m.—London Palladium Orchestra.
12.50 p.m.—Sea Shanties.
Down In Demerara (Traditional).
Raymond Newell and the B.B.C. Male Chorus cond. by Leslie Woodgate (Ernest Lush at the Piano).
We're All Bound To Go (verses from 'The Shanty Book'—edited by Sir R. R. Terry).
Johnny Come Down To Hilo; The Hog's Eye Man (verses from 'The Shanty Book'—edited by Sir R. R. Terry).....Raymond Newell and Chorus with Piano.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Latest Dance Music and Variety.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.
7 p.m.—Compositions of Liszt including Concerto No. 1 in E Flat Major. Egon Petri (Piano Solo).
Hungarian Rhapsody No. 1.
Berlin State Opera Orch. cond. by Prof. Hermann Abendroth.
Concerto No. 1 in E Flat Major. Mischa Levitzki (Piano) and The London Symphony—Orchestra

cond. by Sir Landon Ronald.
Soiree De Vienne No. 6.
Wilhelm Backhaus (Piano Solo).
7.32 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
7.35 p.m.—Variety Numbers.
Accordeon Band—Six 'Hits' Of The Day....Primo Scala's Accordeon Band with vocal refrain.
Vocal Duet—Tricky Little Tune (Alec McGill); A More Or Less Volga Boat Song (Alex McGill)....Major And Minor (Alex McGill & Fred Yule).
Vocal—The Whistling Boy (From 'When You're In Love'); Our Song (From 'When You're In Love')....Grace Moore (Soprano) with Orch.
Piano Solos—Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. R. 8.....Charlie Kunz (Piano).
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Borodin—Symphony No. 2 in B Minor. Played by the London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Albert Coates.
8.30 p.m.—Russian Songs.
Farewell Of Boris ("Boris Godounov"—Moussorgsky).
Death Of Boris ("Boris Godounov"—Moussorgsky)....Theodore Chaliapine (Bass) with Orch. and Chorus.
8.40 p.m.—Violin Solos by Henri Tomiatka.
Rondo In A Major (Schubert).
Humoresque—IV (Sibelius).

8.58 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections.
Cinderella—A Phantasy (Eric Coates)....Eric Coates and Symphony Orch.
By The Sleepy Lagoon (Eric Coates)....Eric Coates and Symphony Orch.
Valse Triste (Fr. V. Vecsey).
Forget Me Not—Intermezzo (Allan Macbeth)....George Boulanger & His Orch.
Manhattan Serenade (Alter).
Salon Orchestra.
When Day Is Done (De Sylva-Katscher)....Paul Whiteman and His Concert Orchestra.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Dance Music.
Tangos—Viejitos Tiempos; Condena... Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro with vocal refrain.
Fox-Trot—Who Knows (From 'Rosalie')....Billy Ternent and His Sweet Rhythm Orch. with vocal refrain.
10 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"Seven Days Sunshine". A Musical Cruise—With book and lyrics by Henrik Ege, Music by Norman Hackforth. Cast—Floyd Penrhyn; Sydney Keith; Claude Hulbert & Enid Trevor; Doris Gilmore; Renee Mayer; Davy Burnaby; Gordon Little; Wynne Ajello; Teddy Williams; Gilbert Bailey; The Carlyle Cousins. The B.B.C. Theatre Orchestra conducted by Stanford Robinson.
11 p.m.—Close down.

5.20 a.m.—Green Fields and Pavements. A talk by Henry Williamson.
5.35 a.m.—Part I of the Royal Command Concert at the Royal Albert Hall, London, in the presence of their Majesties the King and Queen.
6.25 a.m.—'Cards on the Table.' A series for Australian listeners. An Australian (R. W. G. Mackay) and an Englishman (John Maude) discuss the news from London.
6.50 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 7.00 a.m.
7.15 a.m.—Close Down.
TRANSMISSION 2
Frequencies—
GSJ 21.53 Mc/s (13.93 m.)
GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)
10.45 a.m.—Big Ben. Music Hall.
11.45 a.m.—Wesley Day Celebrations: Part of the Commemoration Service from Wesley's Chapel, City Road, London.
12.00 p.m.—Part I of the Royal Command Concert at the Royal Albert Hall, London, in the presence of their Majesties the King and Queen.
12.50 p.m.—English Theatre Music from the XVIIth to the XXth Century. The Leslie Bridgewater Quintet.
1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.
1.57 p.m.—Close Down.
TRANSMISSION 3
Frequencies—
GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSF 15.14 Mc/s (19.82 m.)
1.57 p.m.—Opening Announcements.
2.00 p.m.—Big Ben. Jack Hills and his Music.
2.20 p.m.—The BBC Empire Orchestra.
3.15 p.m.—'Take your Choice.' A weekly entertainment feature.
4.00 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.
4.20 p.m.—Bram Martin and his Dance Orchestra.
4.40 p.m.—'World Affairs.' A talk by H. Wickham Steed.
5.00 p.m.—Close Down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Unblocking

Mr. Culbertson is conducting through this column an examination of bridge players. Rate yourself by subtracting from 100 the points for each wrong answer.

Yesterday's questions were:
Question 47: The bidding has been:
South West North East
1 heart Pass 1 spade Pass
?

Of the following rebids by South, which would be the strongest?
[A] three hearts; [B] three clubs; [C] two no trump.

Answer: Rebid [B] is the strongest. In fact, it is the only absolute force among the three different rebids. Three hearts, a jump rebid of South's first bid suit, is only a strong urge, which also may be said for rebid [C], two no trump. The latter, of course, shows roughly the same trick taking possibilities but a more balanced pattern than the jump heart rebid. The three club rebid [B] is a jump in a new suit, and, hence, an absolute force. [Two points demerit for improper answer.]

Question 48: In which bidding sequence, [D] or [E], has South the stronger hand?

	South	West	North	East
[D]	1 spade	1 no trp	Pass	Pass
	Double			
[E]	1 spade	1 no trp	Pass	Pass
	2 diam's			

Answer: South has the stronger hand in bidding sequence D. A takeout double is stronger than a bid or rebid. By doubling, South invites a bid from his partner in any one of at least three suits, or a "business pass" to the double. [Two points demerit for improper answer.]

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question 49: The bidding goes:
South West North East
1 heart Pass 1 spade Pass
?

Which now is the stronger bid for south to make:
(F) three spades; (G) four spades?

TO-DAY'S HAND

Match point duplicate.

South, dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

S.—A Q 8 7
H.—Q 10 8 6 3
D.—J 9 4
C.—K

WEST

S.—K J 2
H.—A J 9 5
D.—5
C.—J 10 8 7 6

EAST

S.—10 9 4 3
H.—7 2
D.—A K Q 6 2
C.—Q 5

SOUTH

S.—6 5
H.—K 4
D.—10 8 7 3
C.—A 9 4 3 2

The bidding:

	South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1 spade	Pass	
1 no trp	Pass	Pass	Double	
Pass	Pass	Pass		

North's third hand bid was pretty light but, at match point duplicate, not to be censured. When the double of one no trump was left in by West for penalties, North was far from happy, but decided to gamble it out rather than increase the contract to two hearts.

West opened the club jack. Dummy's king won and a low heart was led to the king. West won and, recognising that his partner must have a very good diamond suit, since he could have little else, shifted to his singleton. East took the queen and king, then, despite his disappointment over the break of the suit, cashed the ace also. Meanwhile, West hastily rid himself of two clubs, thereby directing East to abandon the club suit. East read the situation correctly and returned a low spade. The king forced the ace and, on the play of the spade queen, West carefully unblocked his jack. Another spade lead lost to east, who cashed the fourth round of the suit and then, still shutting declarer out of his own hand, returned a heart. West still had to make a heart trick that turned out to be the setting trick, for a good East-West match point score.

BROADCAST FROM DAVENTRY

TRANSMISSION 1

Frequencies—
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)
GSD 11.75 Mc/s (25.53 m.)
GSB 9.51 Mc/s (31.55 m.)

G.M.T.

5.00 a.m.—Big Ben, 'The Gang Smash-er' (Episode 8). A radio serial adapted from the novel 'The Gang Smash-er' by Hugh Clevely.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE QUEEN'S—"The Invisible Menace", with Boris Karloff Regis Toomey, Cy Kendall and Frank Faylen. — A mystery thriller punctuated with comic situations, in which Karloff, minus his usual make-up, plays the part of a mining engineer suspected of murder.

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GOVERNMENT OFFENSIVE IN CATALONIA

Bilbao, To-day.

The objective of the Republican offensive on the Catalan front was to regain the water power works of Tremp from the insurgent troops, according to reports from prisoners and war correspondents yesterday.

Tremp is the principal source of supply of electric power in Catalonia and, therefore, the Government used all available men and war material in a big effort to win the day. A large number of aeroplanes and tanks were thrown into the action.

Prisoners state that the attack was led by General Rojo, with the help of the Staff of foreign officers. The General Inspector of the International Brigades, the French Communist, Marty, delivered a speech before the action commenced.

Principal fighting was directed against the bridgehead of Itaque where, after an artillery bombardment, Russian tanks were to have broken through the insurgent defence. The attempt, however, failed and the insurgents put 18 enemy tanks out of action.

According to reports of insurgent headquarters, the Republican losses in this offensive, which had been in progress since Sunday, were so serious that all hospitals are overcrowded.—Trans-Ocean.

DID NOT KNOW REGULATIONS

Frederick William Albert Timm, a German, was this morning fined \$15 by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy when he pleaded guilty to failing to register with the police 72 hours after his arrival in the Colony.

Defendant said he did not know the regulations. He had registered at Knutsford Hotel and at his own Consulate. This was his first visit to the Colony.

GOVERNMENT CLAIMS

Barcelona, To-day.

A Government bulletin issued last night states that on the Eastern front, their troops occupied Pedras north-east of Sort taking prisoners and capturing war material.

In the sector of San Rown de Abella, the Republicans occupied the mountain massif of San Cornelio. Enemy counterattacks were repulsed after heavy fighting.

The insurgent attacks in the Corbany sector on the Levant front continued but were checked by the Government at cost of a small correction of positions near the Rioses in the Gudar sector. An attack on Hill 1523 was energetically repelled. Government troops recaptured Hill 1990. An attack on University City, at Madrid was repelled.

Four insurgent planes were shot down during an air battle between four Government and five insurgent squadrons. The Government lost one pursuit plane.—Trans-Ocean.

RENT DISTRESS WARRANT JUDGMENT

That the goods and chattels of a sub-tenant cannot be claimed to be in the apparent possession of the principal tenant was laid down by the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, at the Supreme Court this morning.

The matter concerned Wong Hong-sing, sub-tenant on the second floor of No. 5, Shelley Street, whose property was seized on May 10 last on a warrant for distraint by the Hong Kong Fire Insurance, Limited.

In giving the reasons for his decision the Puisne Judge said in part:

It is quite clear that under the Common Law rule governing Distress for rent in arrears the landlord had the right to seize whatever moveables he found on the premises out of which the rent issued, and that this general power remained unimpaired, save in so far as certain classes of moveables and those of lodgers were exempted from seizure by Statute, down to 1908 when by the Law of Distress Amendment Act of that year (8 Edw. 7, C.53) the moveables of under tenants were protected.

To make goods distrainable in Hong Kong two conditions must be satisfied they must be found (1) on the premises; and (2) in the apparent possession of the debtor. This seems to suggest by implication that there may be goods on the premises which are not in the apparent possession of the debtor and consequently are not distrainable.

WIFE'S PROPERTY

In my judgment where a bailiff goes into a house and finds cubicles, which from the evidence of his eyes or from statements made to him, he has every reason to believe are sub-let, the goods in such cubicles cannot be said to be in the apparent possession of the debtor. To take an extreme case, if a cubicle bears the name of John Smith, it seems to me that the goods therein are not in any sense of the word in the apparent possession of William Brown, the debtor.

Furthermore, this view is supported by French v. Gething, (1922 1 K. B. 236) and Ramsay v. Margrett (1894. 11 Q. B. 18) in which a meaning had to be placed on the words "apparent possession" appearing in the Bills of Sale Act. It was decided in these cases that where possession is doubtful it is attached by law to the title, and that where husband and wife are living together what is in fact the wife's property is not in the apparent possession of her husband. The position of a sub-tenant would appear to me to be a fortiori.

NOT IMPRESSIVE

In the present case the point was also taken for the respondent that since the tenant, Kan Chak, on whose moveables he sought to distrain was not an individual but what I may call a class, i.e. the members of Kan's household, but bailiff was entitled to assume that all persons on the floor were members of that household and to distrain accordingly on all moveables there. This argument does not impress me for two reasons. Firstly, the bailiff had no notice that the tenant of the premises was a class of persons—when he entered the floor he was looking for an individual tenant named Kan Chak. Secondly, even if he had been notified that the tenancy was in the name of Kan's household, the evidence of his own eyes would obviously have told him that there was no single Chinese household including possibly lodgers and guests, but a number of different families occupying each its own cubicle as subtenants whose moveables could not be in the possession of the Kan family.

Rabat, To-day.

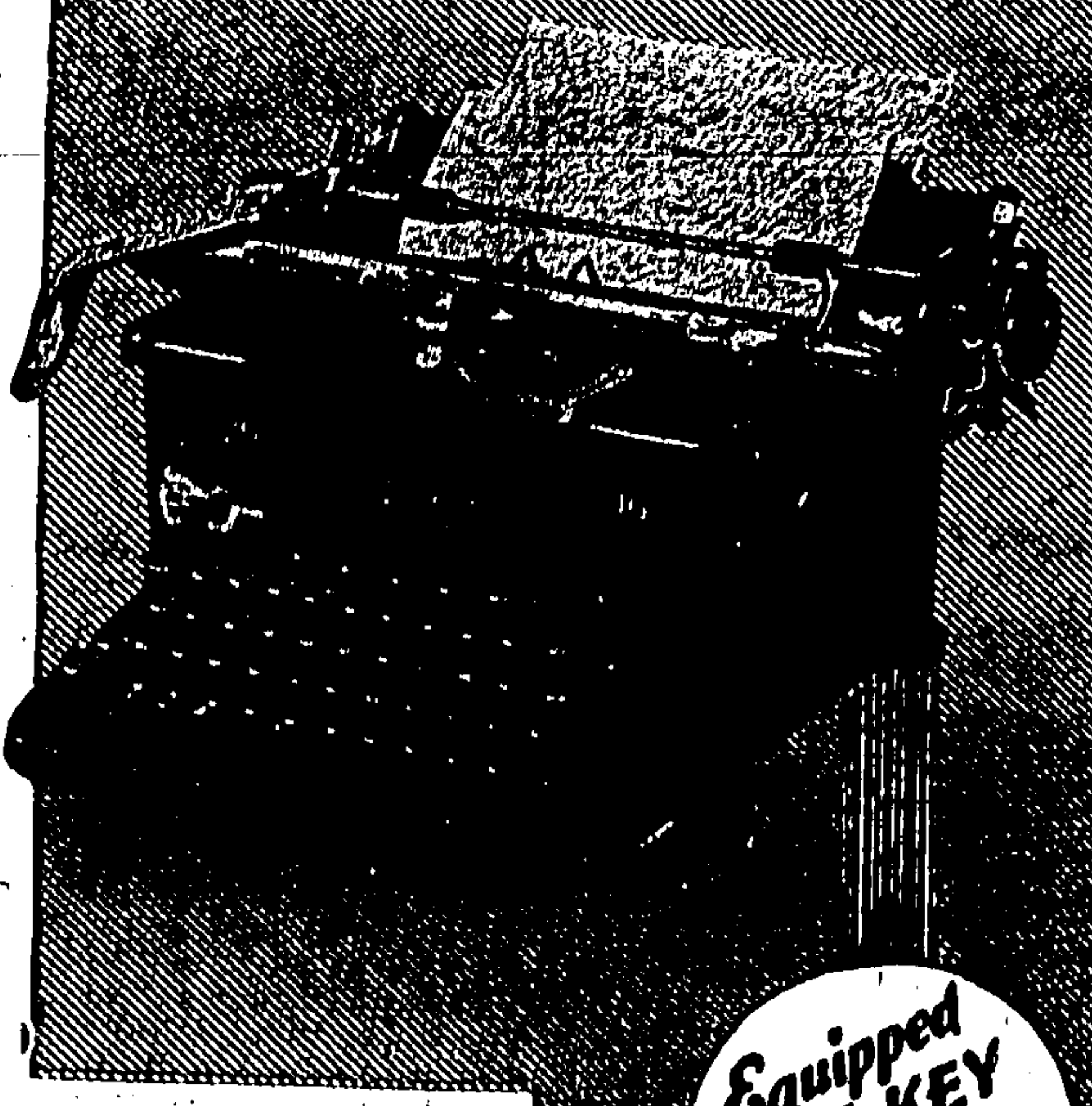
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Paris, To-day.

Insurgent aeroplanes bombed the Republican frontier town of Portbou, as well as Barcelona and Valencia, yesterday.—Trans-Ocean.

Three Chinese were admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday suffering from the effect of poisoning through drinking tea made from roots.

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